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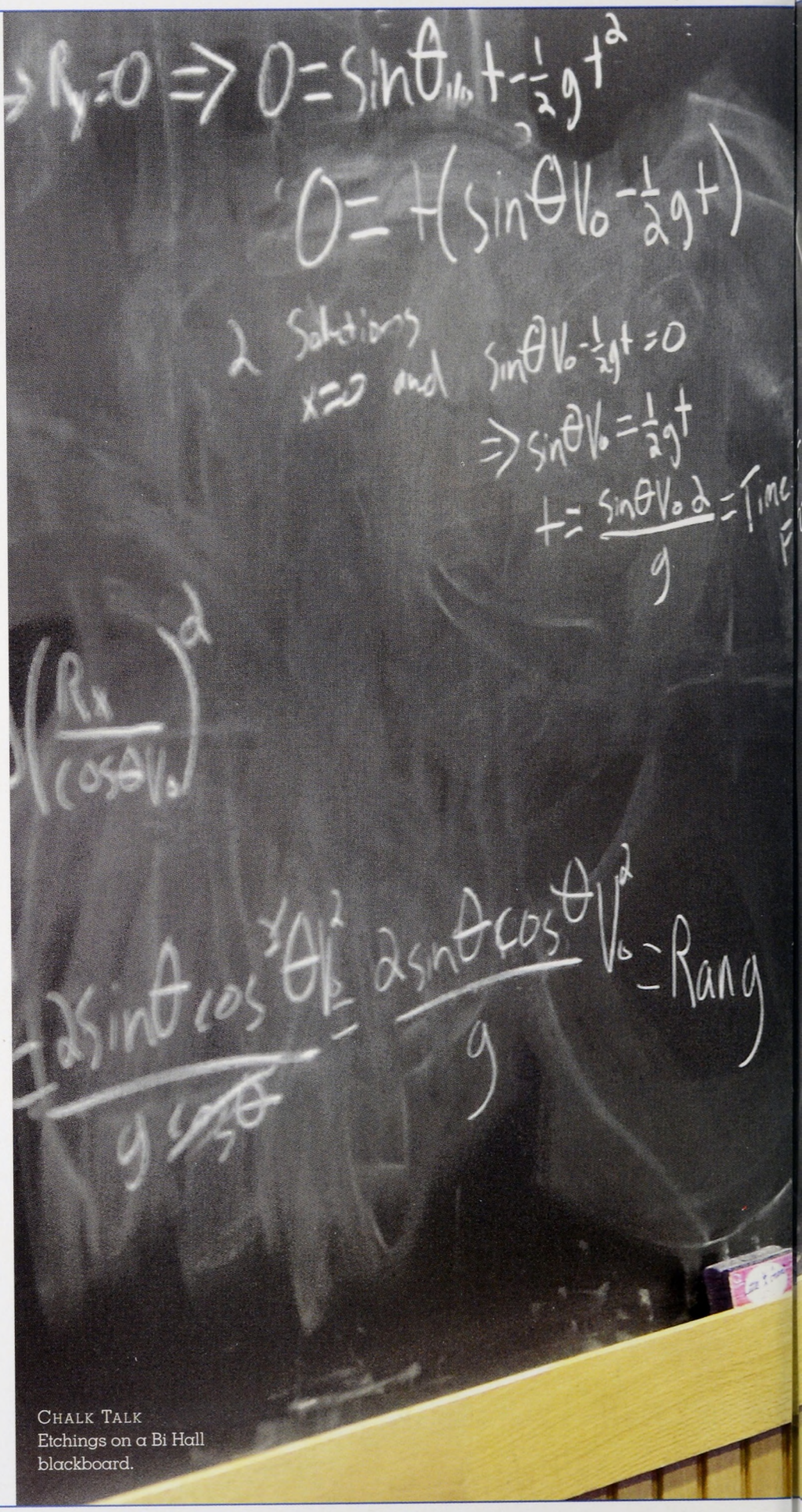
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The Reilly Factor

After nearly 30 years of service to the College, director of athletics Russ Reilly announces his retirement.

He's won more basketball games at Middlebury than any other coach in the program's history. He's also lost more than anyone else, he'll tell you with a chuckle. In those two sentences, you can learn a lot about Russ Reilly.

A fixture at Middlebury for nearly 30 years—the last nine of which he served as director of athletics—Reilly will retire on June 30. He will leave behind a rich legacy, stunning in its scope, but remembered more for the humility, sense of humor, intelligence, and compassion of the man who created it.

When he arrived in the Champlain Valley in the fall of 1977, the Bates College graduate would serve a one-year coaching apprenticeship under Middlebury legend Tom Lawson, before taking over the reins of the basketball squad the following season. (It would not be the last time he would follow in Lawson's footsteps.) During his 19 years as the men's hoops coach, Reilly also coached golf (1978–93) and women's soccer (1979–86), was named assistant director of athletics in 1983 and associate director in '94. When Lawson retired in 1997, College President John M. McCardell turned to a man who had just been honored by the Institute for International Sport as one who "demonstrated an interest in promoting the ideals of ethics and fair play in sport and society."

During Reilly's tenure as athletics director, Middlebury has captured 22 national titles and 35 NESCAC conference championships; added the Chip Kenyon '85 Arena and the Peter Kohn Field; and expanded the coaching faculty from 16 to 20. The College has also garnered national recognition for its relationship with Butch Varno, a local citizen with cerebral palsy who has had a long-standing relationship with the Middlebury football and basketball teams, dating back to Reilly's early years as a head coach. In 2003, an ESPN feature on Varno won an Emmy Award.

Last November, when Reilly announced his intention to retire, Middlebury President Ron Liebowitz said, "Russ Reilly has been the understated, but essential, force in our program, responsible for setting the tone that defines the values we try to impart to our student-athletes: discipline, dedication, determination, teamwork, personal growth, and having fun along the way."

Many share this sentiment, and the impact of Reilly's pending retirement will be felt far beyond the boundaries of Vermont, NESCAC, or even Division III athletics.

"Russ Reilly is one of the all-time great people in college athletics," says Mike Maker, an assistant basketball coach at Division I power West Virginia. "He personifies the ideal that everyone in sports—in life, really—should strive for."

For many years, Maker and Reilly would convene at summer coaching clinics and camps, where they would talk late into the night about coaching strategy, the principals of sport, and life as a coach and teacher. During these sessions, Maker says that he witnessed in Reilly all that made the Middlebury coach so successful: a thirst for knowledge, and a love of teaching. But he also detected a weakness.

"Strawberry ice cream," Maker says, laughing. "He can't get enough of it."

So here's to 30 years of teaching, coaching, and mentoring Middlebury students. And here's to all the strawberry ice cream Russ Reilly can eat. He deserves it. —*MJ*

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Eye of the Beholder

Over the years I have been moved by many of the articles in your fine magazine, but I never shared my reactions, feeling a bit like an "outsider" (my husband received a degree from Middlebury, M.S. 1967).

But, now, the photographer in me wants to congratulate you on a masterpiece that was likely inadvertent, and perhaps discovered only by me.

The article on Martha Sosman '72 ("Courting Justice," fall 2005) is inspiring, even illuminating, as I'll explain. I was reading outside, shielding my eyes from the sun with the magazine. I was in awe as I turned from page 43 to page 44. Viewing either of those pages—with the other one showing through with light from behind—is as captivating as Martha Sosman herself. She is looking either directly at the reader or wistfully at her alter image. Even after much consideration, it is difficult to decide which "composite" I prefer—judicial robe prominent in one or natural setting beckoning in the other.

Thank you for your portrayal of this "consistent, sensible, intellectually honest" human being. Best wishes for her continued strength under pressure, publicly and privately.

Carol Snow
Del Mar, California

Judge Not

In his article ("Courting Justice," fall 2005) about Martha Sosman '72, now a justice on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and a dissenter in the 4–3 decision legalizing same-sex marriage in the state, writer John Wolfson makes the absurd claim that "the controversy over gay marriage has largely subsided in Massachusetts."

Wolfson is correct that the legislature defeated a proposed state constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage and creating civil unions; but what is his justification for saying breezily that chances are "iffy at best" for the success of a citizen petition "floating around" which would ban both same-sex marriage and civil unions?

The petition is hardly "floating around." It is being shoved at congregants by the Catholic Church and many evangelical churches, which keep copies on hand and press worshipers to sign at services. Droves of hired collectors are out gathering signatures and have already been cited for illegally deceptive tactics. It is frighteningly easy to pass a constitutional amendment by referendum in Massachusetts: A mere 66,000 signatures are needed by Thanksgiving to advance this proposition to its next level. Once the secretary of state verifies the signatures, a vote of just 25 percent of the legislature in two successive sessions would send the discriminatory measure to the voters as early as 2008.

But even if Wolfson's unsubstantiated statement proves correct—as we fervently hope it will—and Judge Sosman's vote against the Supreme Judicial Court ruling is later deemed by history to be "out of step with society," why should he conclude that her legacy will be defined by that one vote? She has had a distinguished career to date, and if she wins her fight against breast cancer—also our sincere hope—there is no reason that it should not continue for many years. We trust that she herself will come to see that her vote was wrong and that equal rights for all citizens includes the right to marry.

Judy and Michael Olinick
Middlebury, Vermont

PHOTOGRAPH BY KATHLEEN DOOHER

JUDGING SOSMAN

Readers found the profile of Judge Martha Sosman '72 to be both illuminating (in more ways than one) and well, judgmental.

Judy Olinick is a coordinator for the Russian and German departments

Michael Olinick is a professor of Mathematics

Spell Check

Regarding the article about the various Bread Loaf campuses in the fall magazine, please note that we Westerners spell "Sante Fe" with an *A*, as in Santa Fe.

Pat Brown McClearn '53
Englewood, Colorado

Editors' note:
We regret the error.

Get Real

I must say, I found Matt Jennings's piece on the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference ("The Write Stuff," fall 2005) precious to the point of being downright cloying. How about some hard-core facts? For example: how many cases of alcohol are actually consumed by the participants in their 11 days on that Vermont hillside? Not a word about that, and it is common

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knowledge that the best business at the conference gets transacted at those after-hours, half-cocked soirees, not at those teary readings Jennings swoons over. The only heady item of reality in the whole article has the drunken Sinclair Lewis standing at the podium in 1928 telling his audience that they have no chance of becoming writers, that writers are a "bastard lot of human beings."

George Carey '58
Tenants Harbor, Maine

Whoops

I had to chuckle as I read in "The Write Stuff" in the fall 2005 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* the following quote from Dr. Paul Austin: "I'm going to go back over every story . . . to make sure this criteria is met."

According to Webster's, the singular is "criterion" and the plural is "criteria." As a former newspaper column writer, I couldn't resist sharing this.

Althea Hall Jackson '44
St. Augustine, Florida

Editors' note:
Upon further review, Austin got it right; it was the writer who misquoted the good doctor, thus introducing the grammatical error. The writer would blame Dr. Austin's accent for the confusion, but having grown up in southwestern Virginia, he can't use that excuse, either.

Civil to a Fault

Two alums write to complain that students or the college community showed disrespect and harassed the Marine recruiter by questioning the military

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exclusion of gay and lesbian service members. The alums were not present at the actual meeting to hear one student after another preface their questions about the policy by stating their appreciation for the work of the military and thanking the Marine for his service to his country. The students were polite to a fault. The recruiter, on the other hand, suggested that serving alongside a gay or lesbian soldier would be like serving with a bank robber or a sex offender. The next day in a TV interview he stressed that the Marines were looking for candidates who were "morally sound," implying that homosexuality is immoral. The disrespect did not come from the students.

Why is it unpatriotic to question a policy that costs over $20 million a year to discharge service members who may be the best qualified for the job (26 Arabic and Farsi linguists, for example), especially when the military is engaged in combat? Why should Middlebury open its facilities to allow discrimination against Middlebury students, discrimination we claim to forbid? Finally, both alums suggest that the policy should be changed by a vote. Discrimination has rarely been overcome by popular vote. Instead it has taken social protest and the intervention of the courts, precisely the strategy we are employing.

Kevin Moss
Middlebury, Vermont

The writer is a professor of Russian at the College.

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A Room of Their Own

Last fall, when the announcement was made that the Middlebury Mountain Club's gear room would remain in the attic of Adirondack House instead of moving to a new location, an enormous wave of relief hit. Even though I will be saying good-bye to Middlebury in a few short months, one vein of MMC tradition will remain long after I set foot in the real world. The attic, cramped and dark and musty as it is, represents everything unique and wonderful about the MMC. The wooden snowshoes hanging on the walls, the ads for Norwegian cigarettes, and the 1972 issues of *Backpacker* that feature all-cotton sleeping bags symbolize the decades of tradition and the years of character that stand behind the MMC logo.

The truth is that the MMC is an incredible club formed by passion for the outdoors and guided by an enthusiasm for adventure and fun that will never be stifled. The gear room—sleeping bags, snowshoes, broken canoes, axes and all—stands as the tangible thing that connects the idea of the club to the students who make it a reality.

During Homecoming Weekend of 2006, the MMC will celebrate its 75 years of outdoor adventure by bringing together those generations of MMC devotees

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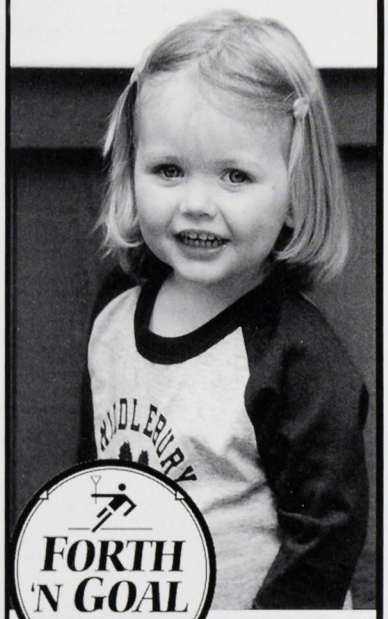

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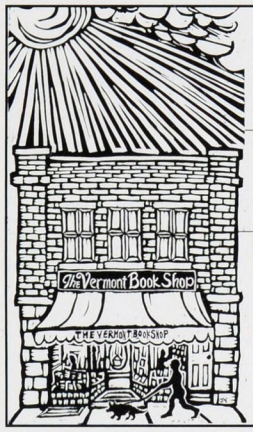

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Lynne Zummo '06
Middlebury, Vermont

The writer is a Middlebury senior and the head guide for the Middlebury Mountain Club.

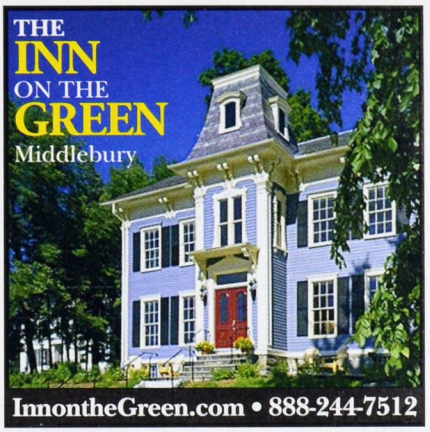
Remembering Writing

I am puzzled by Jean Connor's ('41) statement in your fall issue that she did not study creative writing at Middlebury because "there were no such courses." ("A Passage of Time," page 54). I studied creative writing in a course given by Professor Richard Brown in my senior year. He also taught Chaucer and was affectionately nicknamed "Beowulf."

We quickly recognized how important words were to Professor Brown as he was usually reading a dictionary when we'd file into class. His fingers were stained orange from nicotine, and visiting servicemen would bring him cartons of cigarettes they got free from the USO.

The creative writing course was a one-to-one ratio. I was assigned a composition a week for him to critique, and he didn't pull any punches. He could spot a last-minute effort, which he would caustically label with "the sparkle of immediacy."

Dorothy Laux O'Brien '45
Manchester Village, Vermont



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Kudos

Congratulations on another great issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. I remember when I didn't get as enthused about the magazine as I do now. Keep up the good work.

Marvin Holden '48
Middlebury, Vermont

Stow the "Still"

I wish to call your attention to the caption that accompanied the photograph of Alice Cady Russell '32 on page 52 of the fall 2005 issue of the magazine. The caption reads: "Still busy and active in retirement, she walks frequently and paints in watercolor and oils."

The use of the word "still" when referring to older persons is an expression of surprise, an adverb to be banned in matters of age. As an octogenarian, I am inclined when asked questions introduced with "still" to respond, "Yes, still breathing, talking, thinking." What may be regarded as one party's kind inquiry seems inappropriate, an expression of misplaced wonderment.

Katherine Teetor
Middlebury, Vermont

Editors' Note:
During the past two issues, we've run a number of letters addressing the proposed merger of the departments of English and American Literature at Middlebury. Per our letters policy, we've published letters that address the subject and then letters that respond to the first letters. It is now our policy to move on to other subjects, which is why the letters section in this issue does not include any discussion of the curricular debate.

However, with that said, if you feel like your voice hasn't been heard, you will have another chance. In this issue, we bring news of the December faculty vote to accept the Educational Affairs Committee proposal to create a new department (and major) of English and American Literatures and a program in American Studies (page 16). No doubt, readers will have many opinions on this final decision.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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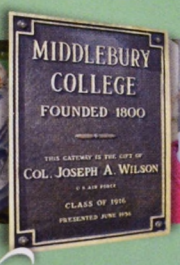

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Justin Boren '06 captured this seemingly incongruous sight while studying in Chile last year. The photo finished fourth in the 2005 Study Abroad photo contest.

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Signed, Sealed, Delivered

THE BACKDROP COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE COLORFUL—or fitting. A line of flags, more than 50 in all, had been placed on a stage behind a long, rectangular table, where Ronald D. Liebowitz and Steven J. Baker—the respective presidents of Middlebury College and the Monterey Institute of International Studies—were about to put pen to parchment, formalizing an agreement that makes Monterey an affiliate of Middlebury.

Taken individually, each flag represented the home country of the roughly 700 students at the Institute. Collectively, the flags stood as a reminder of what Vartan Gregorian, president of the Carnegie Foundation and president emeritus of Brown University, has called the Middlebury-Monterey partnership: "A great service to the nation at a time when America needs more knowledge of the world's cultures and languages."

Specifically, the affiliation brings together two institutions renowned for their expertise in international education—and extends Middlebury's reach in graduate education into the fields of international policy and international business.

Monterey has four graduate-level programs (the Graduate School of Translation and Interpretation, the Graduate School of International Policy Studies, the Graduate School of Language and Educational Linguistics, and the Fisher Graduate School of International Business), which should complement Middlebury's undergraduate program in international studies and its Language Schools and Schools Abroad.

Yet as Liebowitz remarked at the signing, "The affiliation will be, and should be, more than mixing and matching the apparent strengths of two institutions." The Middlebury president affirmed the institutions' shared values (promoting independent thinkers, commitment to service, global citizenry) and presented the argument that such affiliations, while rare, would become necessary in the rapidly evolving higher education landscape.

"As knowledge increases, and our pursuit of that knowledge takes increasingly complex twists and turns, collaboration will become essential; even those institutions with the greatest financial resources will find it difficult to do it all, and do it all by themselves. The diverse network of institutions that we must build in order to provide the quality of international education to which we aspire should mirror the diverse student body and learning environment we seek for our students," he said.

"Our relationship, one between two relatively small institutions, should serve as a model for other institutions of higher education interested in extending their reach in specific areas, in providing greater opportunities for their students and faculty, and in putting educational resources to their best and most creative uses."

Photograph by Igor Zoubko

Succeeding Baker as president of Monterey will be Clara Yu, a former vice president for languages and director of the Language Schools at Middlebury and founder of the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education.

At the signing, Liebowitz called Yu "an institution builder" and touted her expertise in moving from an idea to its fruitful implementation, to "assessing its impact and value." "Her skills and successes," Liebowitz said, "are the reason why I and so many of my colleagues who have worked with Clara are so confident that the excellent work the faculty, staff, and students do here at Monterey will continue and will evolve in creative and imaginative ways."

Like Liebowitz, Yu has described the affiliation as more than the sum of its parts. "Our shared mission is to educate U.S. and international students who speak the languages of the world and who understand cultural differences and how to bridge them. Our goal together is to help build a safer, more just, and sustainable world."

In addition to the appointment of Yu, the affiliation established a new 13-member board of trustees; nine of the board members have ties to Middlebury, while the other four served on Monterey's previous board. William H. Kieffer III '64, a Middlebury trustee and former senior vice president of the Boston-based financial services group State Street Corporation, will serve as the chair of the Institute's board.

For more on the Middlebury-Monterey affiliation, please see "Courage to Grow" on page 24.

Quote/Unquote

"We discuss all kinds of things while we stretch, and one day we started talking about bone marrow donors."

—Women's basketball coach Noreeen Pecsok. As a result of this conversation, the women's team launched the first National Marrow Donor program in Vermont.

Riddle Me This: Who Am I?

THIS FALL, MIDDLEBURY HOSTED A NUMBER OF ENGAGING LECTURERS who spoke on topics as varied as the hurricane Katrina disaster and the marriage of soul music and political activism.

Over the course of several months, the speakers filled lecture halls, auditoriums, and even Mead Chapel. Below, we've supplied the names of the speakers and clues to their identity. It's up to you to match them up.
Sam Tanenhaus, Billy Collins, Jill Abramson, Jim Amoss, Isaac Hayes

ANSWERS:
1. Isaac Hayes, king of soul; 2. Jill Abramson, managing editor of the *New York Times*; 3. Sam Tanenhaus, editor of the *New York Times Book Review*; 4. Jim Amoss, editor of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*; 5. Billy Collins, poet laureate

1.

If you ask me, popcorn doesn't own the rights to hot and buttered.
My sister used to call me Bubba.
Cleveland and Hollywood both bear my mark.
I'm at home in a kitchen.

2.

I work for an old gray lady.
Punch and Judy are familiar names at my place of employ.
If I were a member of a military company, I'd be a captain.
Given the choice of a red or black pen, I'd choose red.

3.

I, too, work for an old gray lady.
Arts and letters are my gig.
One writer has called my fiefdom the Kremlin.
It is Proust I admire most.

4.

My city's nickname recalls rolls and the moon.
Back in the day, you might have called me an ink-stained wretch.
If I worked for a Fortune 500 company, I'd be the CEO.
Hell *and* high water didn't stop us.

5.

I've worn the crown of Frost, Nemerov, Brodsky, and Dove.
The central theme of my work is . . . death.
The academy finds my work accessible; the *Times* prefers hospitable.
Though I best it in age, the Empire Apple and I are both native sons.

ILLUSTRATION BY MIGUEL SANTAMARINA

Major Movement

A merged department would bring the study of all literatures written in English "under one integrated and coherent curricular structure."

THE VOTES WERE IN.

Months, even years, of lobbying efforts, debate, proposals, counterproposals, open meetings, closed-door meetings, letter writing, and opining had come down to what was written on a slip of paper, handed to the president of the College. Ron Liebowitz standing behind a podium at the front of a Bicentennial Hall classroom, glanced down at the white square, his face a study in coolness, betraying not a hint of what was written on the paper slip.

Though Associate Professor of Spanish Miguel Fernandez was speaking about a proposal to change language in the faculty handbook, most eyes in the room kept glancing at Liebowitz, who was patiently waiting for a moment to announce the fate of the American Literature and Civilization department.

After what seemed like an eternity, Liebowitz calmly announced that the faculty had voted to accept the Educational Affairs Committee proposal to create a new department and major of English and American Literatures and a new program and major in American Studies. The restructuring—affirmed by a vote of 101–41, with six abstentions—would end the College's 77-year-old stand-alone major in American Literature.

Liebowitz, echoing an earlier sentiment offered by Associate Professor of English Timothy Billings, expressed his hope that the faculty, which had endured a series of painful and contentious meetings, would be able to move forward and "continue to do what's best for our students and faculty."

In offering the proposal, the EAC argued that developments in literary studies had made it more "intellectually fruitful to study British, American, and Anglophone literature in proximity with one another, since questions of nationhood and nationality in connection with literature are now accompanied by aesthetic, theoretical, and political concerns that transcend national boundaries." A merged department, the committee stated, would bring the study of all literatures written in English "under one integrated and coherent curricular structure."

At an earlier faculty meeting, Professors John McWilliams and Stephen Donadio, both former chairs of the American Literature and Civilization department and vocal critics of the restructuring, had offered a substitute motion that would have maintained a freestanding major and department in American Literature. No coherent argument had been made for the termination of the department and major, they stated, and the process leading to the EAC's proposal was deeply flawed. The motion was defeated, 104–62, with three abstentions.

A minimum of 11 courses will be required for the new major of English and American Literatures, including at least two courses in American literature. McWilliams, in particular, has decried this two-course minimum ("To Merge or Not to Merge," spring 2005), yet authors of the EAC proposal have countered that it would be possible to fulfill requirements for the major by taking all but two classes focusing on American literature. "It is also perhaps worth noting," the EAC added, "that since the current English major does not require any American literature, the total number of literature majors studying American literature will increase." In the new major, all students will be required to take a course in American writers.

ILLUSTRATION BY JOSÉE MASSE

The American studies program will be governed by a steering committee comprised of the program director and faculty members affiliated with the program. Majors in American studies will be required to take a minimum of 12 courses and a one-semester essay or two-semester honors thesis.

During the December faculty meeting, Liebowitz addressed the president's role—both his and that of his predecessor, John McCardell—in the curricular debate, stressing that under the faculty's system of governance, it is the president's role to oversee discussions on curricular issues, not dictate outcome. "Our tradition and rules of faculty governance place curricular decisions in the hands of the faculty, as is appropriate," he would later say. "The faculty is charged with ensuring that the curriculum evolves over the decades to keep pace with changes in the intellectual landscape and in student interests. Here, an elected faculty committee worked carefully and responsibly for over a year before presenting a proposal that in the end won the support of a clear majority of faculty colleagues. I believe the final vote reflected the confidence of my colleagues in the soundness of that process, a confidence I share."

In 2004, the English department voted, 11–3, to move toward a merger, while the American Literature and Civilization department voted, 7–2, in favor.

What Bubble?

On the first day of the Tet New Year, January 30, 1968, Vietnamese communists launched what would be known as the Tet Offensive, a series of bloody battles in South Vietnam that brought the war into Vietnam's cities for the first time. Though a military defeat for the North Vietnamese, the Tet Offensive was a political and psychological victory, exposing the south's vulnerability and signaling to the world that the war was far from over.

That fall, there was no mention of Vietnam in the College's course catalog; in fact, there was no mention of Southeast Asia. There were political science courses on American foreign policy, the politics of modernization in the Near East, and the government and politics of the Far East (with an emphasis on China and Korea), but the day's greatest geopolitical conflict was not being examined in depth. Karl Lindholm '67, now an assistant professor of American literature and dean of advising, had graduated the previous spring and recalls plenty of discussion and debate about the war in Vietnam—just not in the classroom.

"I can't recall one academic discussion or one seminar on Vietnam," Lindholm says. "We'd talk about [the conflict] all the time, but never in class. It seemed to me that the curriculum was so much more rigid then. Today, the mindset is different, more flexible, which allows for contemporary issues to breech those classroom walls."

Indeed among the courses being taught in 2005–06 are Science Demonized: Chemical and Biological Warfare, Political Islam, Jihad vs. McWorld: The Political Economy of Globalization, Geopolitics of the Middle East, and Anthropology of Human Rights. "The borders between disciplines have really become malleable," Lindholm adds, "which allows for a much more comprehensive response to current issues."

Last spring, 16 scholars from a host of disciplines converged on Middlebury for a symposium that tackled one of the most debated issues of the present day: "The Idea of Jerusalem." Over the course of three days, religion professors, professors of Middle Eastern studies, geography professors, archaeology professors, and political scientists discussed such wide-ranging topics as "One City, One God, Three Faiths," "Nationalizing Jerusalem: The Making of the Capital," and "Jerusalem in the Arts."

"Jerusalem is a microcosm of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," Tamar Mayer, a professor of geography and co-organizer of the conference, explained one day this fall. "Most people look at the conflict as a black-and-white issue, but it's not. It's extraordinarily complex, and by using 'The Idea of Jerusalem' as a window into this world, we hoped to give our students a greater understanding of the complexity of the issue."

The Jerusalem conference was one of many symposia held on campus during the past year that brought current events to the fore. In October, a group of students organized a forum that addressed the business of news and how this business affects the quality of coverage; and the previous month, the annual Clifford Symposium dug into the hot topic of global warming.

"The various symposia are certainly a big part of this emphasis on current events," Lindholm said. But, he added, it's not just the topics that are having such an impact, but those in attendance—people like Bill McKibben (on climate change) and Frank Sesno '77 (on the business of news) —who are often major players in today's debates.

Among those present for the Jerusalem symposium was Sari Nusseibeh, president of Al-Quds University and Palestinian minister for Jerusalem affairs. During a panel discussion dedicated to "Thoughts on the Future," Nusseibeh addressed the hotly debated topic, "Can There Be Peace Without Negotiating Jerusalem?" At one point, during his speech, Nusseibeh held up his Jordanian passport and his Israeli identification card and said, "I'm asked all the time what my passport is, what my residence is, what my citizenship is . . . it's hard for a person in my position to try and describe the situation to myself, let alone to other people." Which is one of the reasons Mayer and Suleiman Mourad, a former assistant professor of religion, convened the conference—and an apt illustration of how much has changed in the past 30 years.

Survey Says

Survey Says!

Last spring, the committee coordinating the College's strategic planning process surveyed the Middlebury community—faculty, students, staff, and alumni—to assess opinions on a variety of issues. More than 4,100 individuals responded, including 126 faculty members, 210 staff members, 394 students, and 3,400 alumni. (The surveys for the various groups were not identical, but they had a number of questions in common.)

What did we learn?

Academic Programs Rate High

Respondents believe that the quality of Middlebury's academic programs is the most important factor in making the College exceptional. All four of the surveyed groups rated academic programs first, followed by human interactions. Faculty put more emphasis on selectivity in admissions than other groups did, while extracurricular activities received a higher score from students.

The Ideal Middlebury Grad Is . . .

Students, staff, and alumni said it's most important for graduates to be thoughtful, ethical leaders. Faculty ranked that choice second, giving a higher priority to producing graduates who are independent thinkers.

You're the Admissions Committee: Whom Do You Want?

All four groups rated "intellectual curiosity, engagement, commitment" first when considering qualities they'd like to see in a student applying to Middlebury. (Academic profile—test scores, high-school grades—ranked second.) All groups ranked "promise as an intercollegiate athlete" last among the six possible responses.

Money Matters

The first priority of students, staff, and alumni was to increase the financial aid budget. Faculty gave a slightly higher priority to improving the student-faculty ratio.

The Sports Factor

Students and staff generally felt that some consideration should be given to athletic ability, similar to that given to factors such as leadership, community service, and artistic talents. Faculty respondents were more inclined to substantially reduce consideration of athletic ability and to raise admission standards for athletes. (This question was not on the alumni survey.)

Top Priority

"Attracting the most talented and diverse student body" was the first choice of faculty. "Attracting the best possible faculty and staff" was the first choice of alumni. Staff and students gave equal priority to both of those choices. All four groups ranked other priorities, such as strengthening the curriculum and maintaining the beauty of the campus, far lower.

We Get Along Great! Says Who?

About 75 percent of staff said the relationship between the faculty and staff needed to improve, but only about 35 percent of faculty agreed.

(Un)Common Denominator

Should Middlebury continue to develop links between the curriculum and the Commons? Most staff members said that it should. Most students disagreed. Faculty members were evenly split: one third agreed, one third disagreed, and one third were neutral.

What's Next?

Dean of Planning John Emerson says that the survey results have helped the Planning Steering Committee in developing some overarching themes in the emerging strategic plan, which will guide the College over the next six to 10 years. In requiring people to choose from a list of priorities or values, Emerson noted, the survey gave the campus community a sense of the difficult task undertaken by the committee.

The new strategic plan will be presented to the president and the board of trustees this winter.

Go Figure

396
Number of students studying abroad during 2005–06

50
Number of countries where students are studying

10
Number of study abroad sites in Latin America

0
Number of study abroad sites in Latin America in 2001

1
Number of new study abroad sites opening in Latin America (Chile) in 2006

2
Number of students studying in Botswana in 2005–06

4
Number of students studying in Senegal in 2005–06

75
Number of countries represented by international students in 2005–06

12
Number of African countries represented by international students in 2005–06

41
Number of countries represented by international students in 1995–96

83
Percentage increase in the number of international students since 1996

[Syllabus]

Course
Katrina and Its Aftermath: A Service Learning Course

Instructor
Associate Professor Will Nash

Course Description
This course, about the unnatural components of the Katrina disaster, examines questions of urban planning, social justice, environmental justice, and educational policy; we will also consider the impact of the storm on New Orleans culture. The heart of the course will be a weeklong service-learning trip to New Orleans, where students will participate in a public education project at Frederick Douglass High School and also engage in community relief efforts. In preparation for that week, students will read scholarly articles on the listed topics, extensive journalistic coverage from several sources, and Tom Piazza's *Why New Orleans Matters*.

Nash Says
Early in October, Deb Evans and I, as the faculty heads of Wonnacott Commons, worked together with Sujata Moorti, the Chair of Women's and Gender Studies, to facilitate an idea she had for a Hurricane Katrina teach-in. Our initial plan was to have one two-hour session devoted to a look at the "unnatural" elements of the natural disaster—the economic and social inequities, the racial intolerance, and the environmental justice issues that the storm brought to the nation's awareness. Because of the energy and interest that people had for this idea, our two-hour session evolved into a two-day symposium that blended the academic perspectives of historians, artists, political scientists, geologists, and chemists with students' stories of their experiences in and around the storm.

During this time, a Bread Loaf alumnus named Jim Randels, who teaches in New Orleans and directs a program called Students at the Center, contacted the College and arranged to visit campus and meet with people interested in his plans for rebuilding his program. After a few discussions, a winter term course seemed like a natural extension of what we all had been doing and wanted to do.

On Location
In New Orleans, the class will be assisting Randels and his staff at the center—most likely providing writing tutorials. In preparation, this class is spending the first two weeks of the term on campus, reading about the storm and its aftermath and also digging deeply into New Orleans culture. Says Nash: "My hope is that students will go to New Orleans with some sense both of what's been lost and of what the larger policy implications are in this isolated instance."

Will this be the 83rd Winter Carnival . . . or the 72nd?

The 1943 program for the Winter Carnival related that Middlebury's first Winter Carnival was held in 1923, on the occasion of George Washington's birthday. However, the program also stated that it would not be accurate to date the origin of the event to 1923 since the festival did not become an annual event until the mid-1930s (1934 to be exact). Instead, those witty '43ers offered, "1931 is now generally accepted as the first Carnival, even though 1934 really was. Like most things of historical importance, origins of Carnival are shrouded in the mists of time." Confused?

The 1931 reference was tongue-in-cheek, and while Winter Carnival did not become an annual event until the '30s, the College still counts the 1923 Carnival in its official tally. Thus, the 2006 Winter Carnival will be Middlebury's 83rd.

The Ins and Outs of Winter Carnival

OUT	IN
Chipman Hill	Snow Bowl
Inter-fraternity snowshoe races	Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association Championships
Klondike Rush	First Night Party with '80s cover band Orange Crush
Ski Jumping	Broomball
Snow Sculpting	Hiking Allen to watch Giant Slalom

Photograph by Tad Merrick

Out of Africa

The story of a youngster and his pet cheetah makes its way to the silver screen

By Caleb Daniloff

They'd grown up together in Kenya. He was like a brother to Xan. They played soccer and chased each other about the ranch. He taught Xan respect and kindness, kept the boy's secrets, and corrected him when necessary. He was the fastest thing Xan had ever seen—zero to 60 mph in two seconds.

"Dooms was ridiculously fast," Alexander "Xan" Hopcraft '06 recalls. "His body was complete rippling muscle. He was just so fluid."

This is how it was between an African cheetah and an American boy raised under the same roof in the 1980s and '90s. When Dooms died suddenly, a heartbroken Xan worked out his grief through a scrapbook about his loyal pal. That scrapbook morphed into a children's book called *How It Was with Dooms* (Simon & Schuster, 1997), and the story, adapted for the silver screen by Warner Brothers, is premiering this fall in New York and Los Angeles.

"I liked the movie," Xan says, sitting in a back booth at the Grille. He's dressed in baggy jeans and tan barn jacket. Except for a thin moustache and goatee, his face seems as boyish as the childhood photos in his book.

"But the story that's told in the book is very different from the story that's told in the movie," he says. "It's very fictionalized."

Duma, Swahili for cheetah, was directed by Carroll Ballard of *Black Stallion* fame. And while the film has struggled to catch on nationwide, it has received rave reviews from critics. The *New York Times* called it "a soulful, piercingly beautiful story," and Roger Ebert described it as "a grand tale of adventure . . . an extraordinary film, and intelligent younger viewers may be enthralled by it."

In *Duma*, the setting and characters are South African, rather than Kenyan, and the plot centers on young Xan and his mission to return his pet cheetah, Duma, to the wild. Their trek across the desert puts them in the path of a mysterious tribesman and marks Xan's journey into adulthood.

"It was surreal seeing the movie," Xan says, playing with his jacket cuff. "They changed my mom's name and my dad's name, but they kept my name. And my father, he's definitely still alive." Another discrepancy between the book and film, Xan says, is returning the cheetah to the wild—an idea the environmental studies major doesn't support.

"If you have any wild animal from a really young age, reintegrating it is going to be pretty hard," he says. "It'll have instincts, but if it's been living in a home, it would be at a

Dooms's Day
Hopcraft and Dooms were constant companions—and even when the cheetah wandered off to hunt, he'd always return to the Hopcraft ranch.

Photograph by Dennis Curran

great disadvantage. But it's a nice story for Hollywood."

Orphaned as a cub, the 200-pound cat had been living at the family game ranch for several years by the time Xan was born.

"Dooms was there when I was a baby, so growing up he had a big influence on my life," Xan says. "It was completely normal. People would be like, 'you have a pet cheetah?' and I'd be like, 'don't you?'"

The ranch, run by Hopcraft's Kenyan father, is located on 20,000 acres of remote savannah outside Nairobi. The family lived without electricity, and their nearest neighbor was five miles away. Growing up, Xan saw more gazelles, wildebeests, zebras, and giraffes than humans. He was home-schooled and spent much of his free time with Dooms.

"Dooms was an intelligent being. He'd understand emotions. It was like having a friend who'd listen. I'd have conversations with him, and he would just sit there and purr, which was great comfort 'cause you felt like he understood everything. He was patient, but if you tried to push him around, you would get what for. I definitely learned the values of patience and respect."

More family member than pet, Dooms took five o'clock tea with the Hopcrafts and watched television. Other times, he lounged under his favorite tree, chased the cats, climbed the papyrus roofs of ranch buildings, and went for long walks with Xan.

"He was free to come and go," Xan says. "He'd go off and hunt sometimes and then come home. We never forced him to stay; it was always his choice."

Though he exceeded the life expectancy for cheetahs in the wild, Dooms's sudden death from liver failure hit the family hard. To deal with their sorrow, Xan and his mother, Carol, an American wildlife photographer, put together a memory album. Friends urged them to turn it into a book. Before long, it attracted the interest of Simon & Schuster.

"Xan's voice brought the child's perspective and sense of realism to the project, and his drawings contributed to the scrapbook feel of the book, while Carol's photographs gave us a vivid picture of the landscape," says Emma Dryden, vice president of the Simon & Schuster imprint Margaret K. McElderry Books. "Together, everything clicked beautifully."

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The book, still available in paperback, was well received, and film offers came in immediately. "The pictures of a toddler snuggled up with a wild cheetah were mesmerizing," says *Duma* producer Kristin Harms. "Even though the picture book was slight on story, it was so original we ultimately couldn't resist pursuing it."

The Hopcrafts—and Kenyan fans of the book—were disappointed the location was changed to South Africa, but had nothing but praise for Ballard, the film's director. "[He] did a superb job of interpreting the story—the scenes of Africa, the cheetahs and other animals in the bush, especially the close-up of Dooms's eye whilst hunting," Carol Hopcraft says. "There were many inspired touches."

Campbell Scott and Hope Davis play Xan's parents, and South African newcomer Alexander Michaletos plays Xan. "There are parts where I can see my identity in him, but there's a lot of stuff that would be different," Xan says. "I feel like he didn't use a lot of common sense sometimes." As for real life, Xan plans to pursue graduate work in environmental policy and hopes to return to Kenya and work on wildlife preservation issues.

"My experience with Dooms helped create the foundation for my beliefs," he says. "I mean, if you watch the National Geographic channel, and you see an animal that's almost extinct, you feel bad. But the program will end and you'll flip the channel. For me, my whole upbringing was learning about these relationships. It defined who I am."

A few weeks later, Xan sits in his dorm room, flipping through the pages of his book. Outside, a snowstorm swirls; on the wall hangs a map of Kenya, where it's 85 degrees and sunny. Xan lingers over a photo of himself, six or seven years old, standing next to Dooms, an arm draped around his pal's neck.

"Wow, my expression is absolutely crazy," he chuckles. "I remember this picture so well. A lot of times when we took pictures, I felt a real connection with Dooms because we'd be there together, and I felt like we'd be thinking the same thing, 'I don't really want to be here.' We just wanted to be off."

And that's how it was.

Caleb Daniloff wrote "The Art of War" in the spring 2005 issue of Middlebury Magazine.

Democracy Now?

In Congressional testimony, Middle East expert Febe Armanios outlines the pros and cons.

By Sally West Johnson '72

Febe Armanios is tall and elegant and has dark curly hair, dark eyes, and a smooth, golden-olive complexion that suggest her Coptic Egyptian heritage. She speaks softly and succinctly—her words tumble lightly from her mouth—but it is what Armanios has to say, rather than how she says it, that one may find so compelling.

You see, Armanios, an assistant professor of Middle East and Islamic history, has a rather informed opinion on the most ambitious foreign policy doctrine in this young century: the exportation of democracy to the Middle East.

In September 2002, the Bush administration issued an exhaustive national security strategy that included the bold goal of spreading democracy and human rights around the globe, particularly in the Muslim world. Following the invasion of Iraq, the rhetoric became a hallmark of administration speeches; by fostering democratic regimes that would embrace individual liberties, the argument goes, people would be released from the bonds of religious radicalism.

Born and raised in Cairo before immigrating to Ohio when she was 10, Armanios worries that idealism may cloak uncomfortable realities, and it was this message that she delivered before a crowded hearing room on Capitol Hill before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Reform last May.

"There has been a growing excitement in the Middle East with regard to the progress of democratic reforms," she told committee members. "The Iraqi elections [in early 2005], dubbed the 'Purple Revolution,' were seen by many as testament to the Bush administration's commitment to installing a democracy in that country. The popular protests in Beirut, dubbed the 'Cedar Revolution,' and the consequent withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon have also been viewed, by some observers, as a success for the administration's push for democracy."

But the problem for this administration, she said, is that democratic elections in some of those countries will open the door for the rise of small, radical parties of all sorts who may make common cause to accomplish their common agendas. "A question arises as to whether promoting democracy in some Middle Eastern countries, where Islamic opposition groups are major political and social actors, will result in the immediate replacement of secular regimes with Islamic governments," Armanios explained. "Open elections could bring Islamist

What She Sees
A native of Egypt, Armanios's complex foreign policy views are shaped by both her heritage as a Coptic Egyptian and her scholarship in Middle East and Islamic studies.

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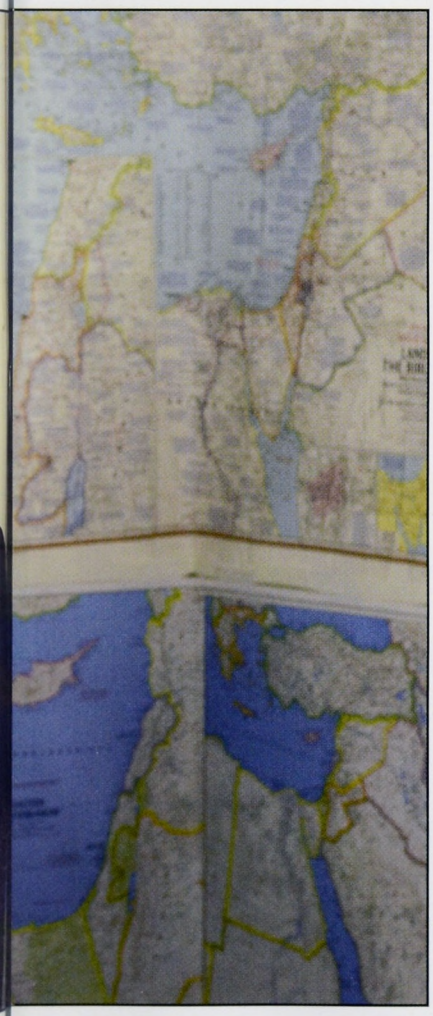
groups into power and such groups might then transform the regimes that made elections possible into theocracies."

From 2003 to 2004, Armanios worked as a Middle East affairs analyst for the Congressional Research Service, authoring a number of reports addressing such topics as Islamic religious schools, Islamic traditions of Wahhabism, and assistance to Afghan and Iraqi women.



In conversation—and in her testimony—she stresses the complexities of the Middle East and the prospect of democracy taking root in a land where authoritarian rule has thrived.

She rejects the notion put forward by some Bush administration critics that "Islamic democracy" may be an oxymoron, dooming efforts toward democratization to certain failure. To the contrary, Armanios told Congress, "Many Muslims resent the insinuation that Islam and democracy are intrinsically incompatible, arguing that basic Islamic teachings are well suited to ideas of justice, equality, freedom, and tolerance. Democracy, in this context, does not necessarily imply a Western-style interpretation; many believe that it is possible to build democratic societies without neglecting indigenous religious voices."

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She points to Turkey as an example of a success story, but a success built by years of adapting to and accommodating the political realities of the region. "Turkey is cited as a case where Islamists were forced to temper their political views after years of struggling to be included in governance and to gain legitimacy from the voting populace." The radicals, in essence, realized they would have to moderate or remain on the outskirts of political power. "This involved gradual democratization of their discourses and ideologies, as well as a realization on their part that they must peacefully engage a sizable portion of the population that is not necessarily supportive of Islamic politics."

What the Turks did, the Iranians did not do: allow time for the tempering process. "In the case of Iran, however, the change was rapid, radical, and did not entail any bargaining or negotiation on the part of the religious groups with the broader population," she said. "The contrast between Turkey and Iran suggests that if Islamist groups are invested in a democratic system and realize that only within this system could they express and achieve their political goals, they could become agents for—rather than obstacles to—positive change."

That Armanios is so careful in the wording of her views (and the views of others) reflects the gravitas of the discussion, which is likely to shape U.S. foreign policy for years to come. Hence, her prescription offered in closing her testimony: She said the United States can support democratic reform by encouraging "diversity in the political landscape of the Middle East" and especially by learning more about the agenda and goals of the different Islamist groups.

She also urged "caution in the extent to which [the U.S.] recognizes sectarian, religious and patriarchal divisions in the region." At times, she noted, the U.S. has looked for friends and allies in the wrong places, thereby accomplishing nothing more than a substitution of "one traditional set of power holders with another." Instead, she said, "The U.S. should work with nongovernmental groups, grassroots organizations, and civil society in soliciting ways to include women and nontraditional power holders."

She urged Congress to support existing programs that are intended to promote democracy, and she believes that the U.S. State Department should push harder for improvements in human rights generally but particularly to promote freedom of religion, speech, and the press.

In the long run, she concluded, the rewards will prove to be worth the effort: "Democratic reform in the Middle East is a long-term process, both for indigenous advocates and the U.S. government. The United States must express a strong and consistent diplomatic and economic commitment to this project, on the one hand, and a willingness to be open to local and unforeseen interpretations of democracy, on the other. Striking this delicate balance will be of great benefit both to Americans and to citizens of the Middle East."

Powerful, heady words—perhaps the prescription for a more just and safe world—spoken in a soothing lilt, heavy implications conveyed by a timbre that is lighter than air.

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Courage to Grow

By adding the Monterey Institute of International Studies as an affiliate, Middlebury once again makes a giant leap in educational innovation.

BY PRESIDENT RONALD D. LIEBOWITZ

ON DECEMBER 2, THE COLLEGE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT with the Monterey Institute of International Studies that made the Institute an affiliate of the College. The affiliation will help the College in a number of important ways. These include:

- providing an important presence on the West Coast/Pacific Rim, which will strengthen considerably Middlebury's admissions and career networks;
- enabling stronger Middlebury ties with Asia through Monterey's established relationships in China, Japan, and Korea;
- increasing academic and professional opportunities for our students;
- expanding internship and research opportunities for our students at Monterey's two research centers; and
- invigorating the College and curriculum through the exchange of faculty from Middlebury and Monterey for a winter term, semester, or full year.

The affiliation, in short, will allow the College to leverage its existing strengths and become a much more visible leader in international education. For 50 years, Monterey has offered professional degrees in international studies based on linguistic competence and cross-cultural understanding. About a third of its students come from outside the United States, mainly from Asia, and many of them share a strong record of volunteerism and a deep commitment to engaging world problems and issues.

The importance of international education in this 21st century is clear: globalization and the increasing mobility among formerly disparate peoples, cultures, and ideologies require that our country's emerging leaders be educated with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world beyond our borders. The international component of the College is perhaps the one area where Middlebury enjoys enormous comparative and competitive advantages over all other liberal arts colleges and many leading universities.

Monterey's four graduate schools complement the College's intensive Language Schools and two of our most popular undergraduate majors (international politics and economics, and international studies). For example, the School of Translation and Interpretation, which is viewed as the preeminent program of its kind in North America, along with the School of Languages and Educational Linguistics, offer master's degrees in programs that are not offered on Middlebury's campus. In addition, the School of International Policy Studies (IPS) and the Fisher School of International Business (FSIB) represent natural pathways for students who have studied languages intensively and seek careers outside of teaching. IPS graduates work in governmental and nongovernmental jobs, as well as in the international private sector. FSIB specializes in international business and prepares students for careers in both the United States and abroad.

Though the most immediate benefits to the College will come from programmatic links among the four graduate schools and our Language Schools (along with the partner universities associated with our seven Schools Abroad), there are likely to be innovative collaborative opportunities for our faculty and undergraduate students. Specific ideas will eventually come from the faculty and our established educational policy committees, but already students and faculty have begun to brainstorm ideas on how the Institute's current offerings and resources can complement our undergraduate program.

However, the decision to enter into an affiliation agreement with Monterey did not come without considerable debate; in fact, at the outset of discussions, many in the on-campus community were opposed to the partnership. The faculty raised several points of concern, including that the administration would lose its focus on the College's most pressing needs; that our identity as a liberal arts college

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would be compromised; and that by adding to an established area of institutional strength—international education—we would overshadow the overall excellence of our academic program.

These concerns were all addressed to my satisfaction by June, when the Board of Trustees approved my recommendation to proceed with the affiliation. Among the steps we've taken in response to these points of concern:

By appointing a president—Dr. Clara Yu—to head the Institute, rather than a dean (who would report to the Middlebury president), my focus and energies, along with that of the senior administration, will not be distracted by the partnership.

By affiliating, we will not inherit any financial liabilities (though we will exercise great influence over the Institute). Neither Middlebury's operating budget nor its endowment will support the Institute. In fact, to date, with no active solicitation underway, alumni and friends who see the potential benefits to the College have pledged $12.1 million to the Monterey initiative, with $8.1 million now in hand.

By recognizing that we need not sacrifice our identity as a comprehensive liberal arts college to become a leader in such a vital curricular area as international studies, we can use the affiliation to enhance our academic programs. Perhaps unknown to many, Middlebury already awards approximately 275 master's degrees each year through our Language Schools, Schools Abroad, and the Bread Loaf School of English.

It is instructive to remind alumni and friends of the College that the Language Schools began and operated for more than 60 years solely for graduate students. In the 1970s the Language Schools began to offer intensive instruction for nongraduate degree students, and now more than 100 Middlebury undergraduate students attend the Language Schools each summer. Similarly, our Schools Abroad started as programs for graduate students and only began accepting undergraduate students in the late 1960s, when the junior year abroad became a popular part of undergraduate study. It is natural, then, to expect that the Institute will evolve to serve Middlebury undergraduates in creative and practical ways.

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The change this affiliation represents for a small liberal arts college is hardly new to Middlebury. In fact, innovation and change have played important roles in the College's 205-year history. Several times the College has stepped outside its mission to introduce something new to improve the College's financial or competitive position. Here are some of the earlier innovations undertaken by College leaders, each of which had a profound impact on the College:

- 1880s: Coeducation was introduced.
- 1915: Intensive summer Language Schools began with the opening of the German School; eight more followed over the next 90 years.
- 1920s: The Bread Loaf School of English began. It is now the largest graduate program in English literature in the country.
- 1920s: The Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, the first of its kind, began. Today, it is recognized as the premier conference of its type.
- 1945: The first Middlebury School Abroad was established for M.A. students; six more were to follow over the next 60 years.
- 1965: The first environmental studies major in the country was established at Middlebury. It served as a precursor to a curriculum known today for its interdisciplinary strength.
- Late 1960s: The Middlebury Schools Abroad opened to Middlebury undergraduate students as study abroad during the junior year became popular. Today, Middlebury has 7 Schools Abroad in 10 countries, through agreements with 21 partner universities, and recruits students from other colleges and universities, mostly the Ivy League institutions.
- 1970s: The summer Language Schools introduced nongraduate degree programs. Today, Middlebury, Yale, Princeton, Harvard, and Berkeley are the primary feeder schools for these programs.

In each of these cases, the College acted strategically in pursuing program growth to strengthen its financial footing and academic stature. None of the innovations was a guaranteed success; yet, each has played a major role in the College's present-day strength, and each has enhanced the College's reputation and financial position since its introduction. The Monterey affiliation will represent yet another example of innovation—this time by giving Middlebury access to graduate programs in international studies that will complement our existing graduate programs in the Language Schools and at our Schools Abroad—and will provide new opportunities for our undergraduate students.

Through this particular agreement, Middlebury will enhance its standing in an area for which it is nationally known and, at the same time, complement its curricular offerings significantly without the additional fixed costs of building new physical infrastructure.

Over time, this affiliation will strengthen Middlebury and offer it a range of options and flexibility that will be crucial to the long-term well-being of the institution. I am excited about the prospects this agreement holds, and I invite ideas you may have regarding this particular affiliation or any others that can advance the College's mission to provide the best educational experience for our students.

It's Not Easy Being Green
At least not in the middle of a Vermont winter. But Hilary Eisen '06 makes the most of Bi Hall's greenhouse to shepherd a number of plants through to spring. Photograph by Dennis Curran

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UNDERSTANDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COLLEGE AND THE LAND UPON WHICH IT SITS IS A SIMPLE MATTER OF SEEING THE FORESTS FOR THE TREES

BY JOHN ELDER
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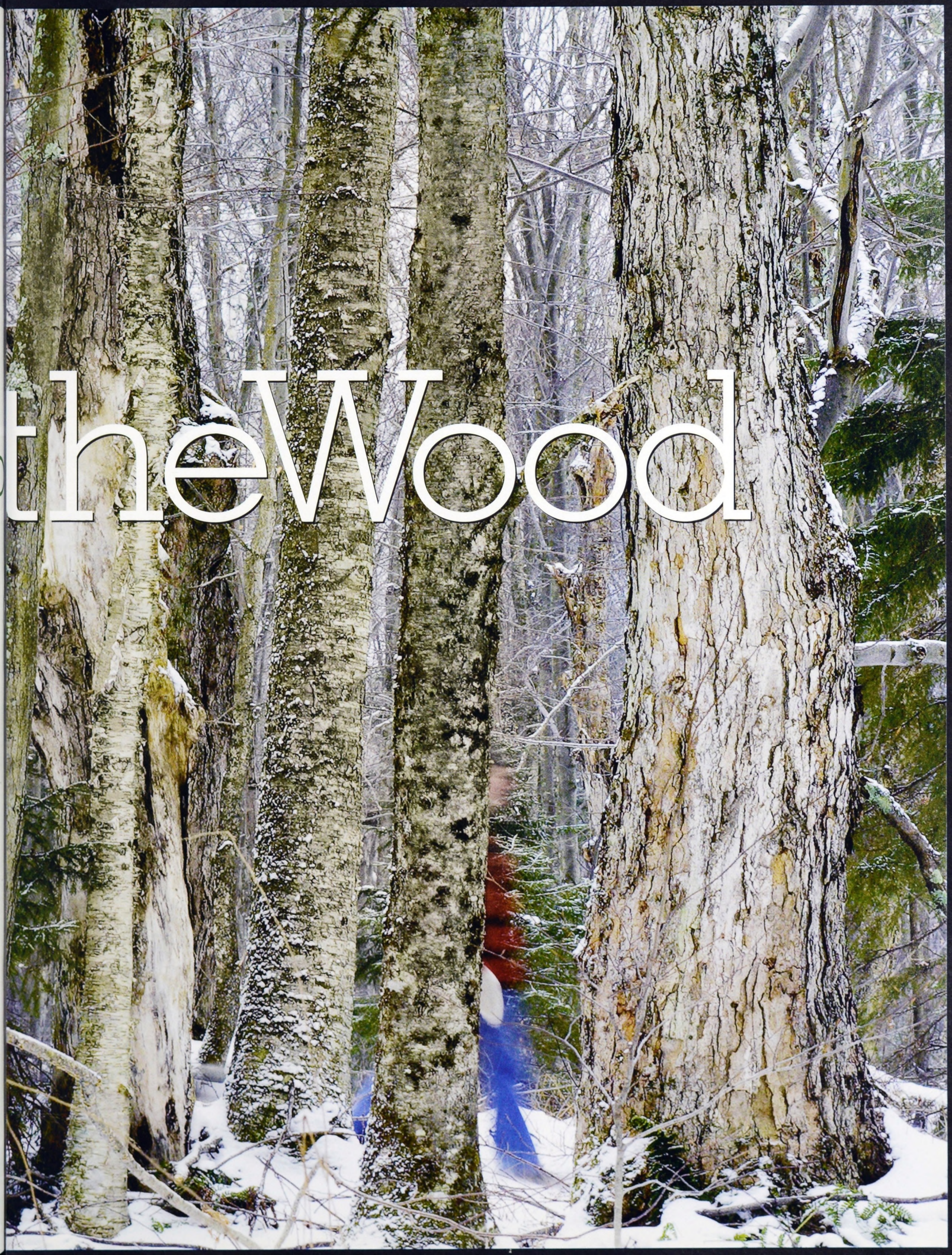
WHENEVER I STEP INTO MCCARDELL BICENTENNIAL HALL, I'm struck by the prominence and beauty of the woodwork in that grand space. The unusually generous use of wood in the paneling, walls, and wainscoting, and in the frames around departmental display-cases, complements the dark-gray slate floors and brings a warm glow to one of the largest academic buildings on campus. The Great Hall is most immediately impressive, with its rectangular panels of red oak sheathing an atrium that soars for five stories through the center of the building. Yet this fall, when I had the privilege of teaching a class in Bi Hall, I noticed two further aspects of the interior that had previously escaped me. One was the wide variety of woods featured—frequently a different species for each floor. The other was the fact that the boards used here are often marked by dramatic variations of grain and color, and even by knots, in a way one might not expect in such an ambitious (and expensive) facility.

The distinctive treatment of interior wood in Bi Hall reflects a commitment by the College, itself, to use as much sustainably grown lumber as possible in the construction of our science center and other new buildings and to focus especially on wood from our own region and state. The term sustainable forestry refers to the goal of long-term production of timber in a given site, as opposed to the heavy cutting (followed by subdivision) that is currently fragmenting so many forests from Georgia to Maine. A related concept is that of green certification, a set of principles and inspections assuring purchasers of forest products that soils and wildlife habitat are being protected. Both concepts rest on the premise that humans have the capacity to work in the woods in ways that serve our own needs while at the same time showing respect for the needs and integrity of the forest itself.

The College's commitment to sustainability turned out to have many implications—not only for the designs of new buildings on campus, but for the forest ecology and economy of Vermont, and for Middlebury's relationship with the larger community of our state. On the level of design, it meant that Daniel Arons, Bi Hall's architect, was called upon to rethink his original plan to use clear red oak throughout. According to a Vermont Family Forests report, only 4 percent of the trees in Vermont are in fact red oak, and few of those are big enough to provide clear-grained boards. Thus, in order for Middlebury to promote sustainable forestry in the state, Arons needed to adapt his design to what grew here. While red oak would still be used in the Great Hall and west wing, beech, ash, sugar maple, red maple, cherry, and birch would be featured on different floors in the north and south wings. Vermont is a heavily forested state today, but extensive clear cutting in the 19th and the 20th centuries have left many of our trees on the small side. In order to make the most of the available lumber—and encourage long-term planning in our forest industry—it was also necessary to find value "character" wood rather than insisting on clear boards. In practice, this architectural reorientation (quoting again from a VFF report) "allowed for the wood to vary in color, as it often does between the heartwood and sapwood within a single tree. It also allowed for what the grading standards call 'natural growth variations' such as mineral stains or different grain patterns."

The impact of such variation in the woodwork turns out to be spectacular. Rather than just contributing a subliminal element to the overall design, this wood grabs you. I know that I'm often arrested in hurrying down a Bi Hall corridor by the flamed and swirled boards around me, and I've seen any number of faculty members and students pause to study (and touch) these walls in a way that woodwork ordinarily does not inspire. In trying to understand why such heightened awareness of our daily surroundings is valuable, I can't help thinking of the literary formalists at the beginning of the 20th century, who focused on the devices by which literature makes language "strange." They found such an effect valuable (quoting from Terry Eagleton's account) because, "[I]n the routines of everyday speech, our perceptions of and responses to reality become stale, blunted, or . . . 'automatized.' Literature, by forcing us into a dramatic awareness of language, refreshes these habitual responses and renders objects more 'perceptible.' By having to grapple with language in a more strenuous, self-conscious way than usual, the world which that language contains is vividly renewed." Just so, the surprises and contrasts within the treatment of wood in Bi Hall can inspire greater mindfulness of the relationship between our campus and the forests of Vermont. They can remind us, too, that this connection has an ethical dimension, as well as aesthetic and economic ones.

As President John McCardell said when Bicentennial Hall was being completed, "At Middlebury we define education broadly. Everything we do is an opportunity to educate." And education is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always more than a simple transmission of knowledge. It is a commitment to serious dialogue and exploration within a learning community. Middlebury has entered into a conversation with the forests of Vermont, and with the architects, mill-owners, foresters, and loggers who connect us to those forests; and it is a conversation that continues to unfold in surprising ways. In interviewing colleagues about the use of sustainably harvested lumber in our recent major building projects, I've noticed their consistent emphasis on educational and environmental values.

A desire to proceed on a principled basis, rather than to accept more familiar, thus predictable—and convenient—protocols of construction and design, continues to guide Middlebury's building projects. When I walked over to the Service Building to talk about the College's use of green-certified wood with Tom McGinn, Middlebury's project manager for new construction, I found his office piled high with blueprints, maps, invoices, and reports. It would be understandable, amid the many technical and budgeting challenges of a job like his, to be anxious about any unproven approaches. But Tom's comments always returned to the importance of enacting the College's core values in our practical decisions. Such an orientation is certainly consonant with the flourishing of environmental studies at Middlebury and with the College's nationally recognized leadership in conservation, recycling, composting, and other "greening-of-the-campus" initiatives. But Tom was equally emphatic about Middlebury's responsibility beyond campus, as one of the largest, wealthiest institutions in Vermont. Middlebury's choices inevitably have a major impact upon the state and region, he remarked, and one of the central goals, he said, is "to mainstream the idea of using green-certified lumber."

Nan Jenks-Jay, director of Environmental Affairs at Middlebury and chair of the Environmental Council, repeatedly raised a similar question in discussing recent building projects: "How can Middlebury be a catalyst for change in Vermont?" Nan has herself been a powerful force behind using sustainably harvested lumber not only in McCardell Bicentennial Hall, but also in projects like Ross and Atwater Commons, the new recycling center, and the new College library. When Bi Hall was dedicated, she had the idea of holding a reception for as many of the people—the foresters and the loggers and the woodworkers—who had a hand in integrating sustainable wood in such an inspiring way. Bill Torrey, a logger from Bolton who is widely known for the carefulness of his work in the woods, said after touring the building, "I got a kick out of the fact that I could trace the boards back to the woods they came from. It snapped my garter." Nan Jenks-Jay has worked to assure that, in subsequent construction projects, we would use even more wood from Vermont than the 30 percent used in Bicentennial Hall. Such a commitment makes it much more likely that woodlot owners in the Green Mountains will plan for long-term sustainable harvesting rather than take the road of clear-cutting and subdivision of Vermont's open land. The ripples from our policies spread in other directions, too. As was true in the design of Bi Hall, the architects for Ross entered into a creative dialogue with the College's principles. After being shown samples of "character-marked" woods from the Vermont forests, they became convinced to change their original specification of clear cherry from Pennsylvania. In the end, more than 95 percent of the architectural wood in the Ross buildings was sustainably harvested from woodlots in Vermont, while sixty percent was harvested from Middlebury's Bread Loaf forestlands, the same woodland that is used by the College and the community for hiking, Nordic skiing, and scientific research.

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As Nan said to me, the architects of Ross learned to see "character-marks" as "a feature, as opposed to a fractured idea." Architect Tai Soo Kim became so fascinated by the stories told in the grain and knots of such lumber that in designing the Ross Commons Lounge he worked with "sawyers, millers, and carpenters to maintain the order in which the wood was sawn and mounted to the walls, creating a visual story of individual trees in each array of horizontal paneling for this room." Similarly, students entering the Ross dining hall pass under photographs detailing the entire process of harvesting and processing the wood for their new

living space. One of these shows Middlebury alumnus John Anderson '94 standing beside a yellow birch log, which he is about to haul out of the woods with a pair of horses.

Reinforcing the leadership on campus has been the vision and expertise of David Brynn of Vermont Family Forests. David founded VFF while serving as Addison County Forester for over two decades, and he continues to offer that organization leadership now that he has assumed the directorship of the new sustainable-forestry initiative at the Rubenstein School of University of Vermont. In addition to the dozens of smaller forests linked and guided through VFF (including my own family's sugarbush in Starksboro), VFF has also forged connections with the College's extensive forest holdings around Bread Loaf. These woodlands have long been carefully stewarded by the College Forester Steve Weber, so that large portions of them could quickly be certified under the Forest Stewardship Council and the even higher standards of VFF. Where conventional forestry plans have often started with potential production and have only noted "other" values in passing at the end, VFF standards begin by emphasizing ecological factors. Planning roads to minimize erosion and soil loss is one critical value of what VFF calls "ecological forestry," while maintaining a large number of standing snags for habitat, carefully buffering streams, avoiding pesticides, favoring native species, and fostering both age and species diversity in the forests are others. In essence, Middlebury has been exposed to a vision of the woods as a living community, not just a supply depot or a mine of raw materials.

In the planning for our new library, this emphasis on community and collaboration took exciting new directions. A well-known furniture company in Island Pond had closed down its factory and moved the operation to China, withdrawing a major source of employment from Vermont's lovely but economically marginal Northeast Kingdom. Many of the skilled woodworkers in Island Pond decided to see whether they could make a go of it as an independent new concern, but it was unclear whether that effort would turn out to be viable. At this moment of uncertainty, the College promised that if the Island Pond woodworkers could manage to be up and going by the time we needed carrels, wooden ends for the bookshelves, and furniture for the library, we would offer them $500,000 worth of contracts.

The results have been splendid. While most new libraries being constructed at such a large scale would aquire shelves from an architectural catalogue, the College's library shelves are distinctively bookended with sugar maple cut from our own land above Crystal Brook at Bread Loaf; Charles Gwathmey, the principal architect for the library, quickly became enthusiastic about the goal of using maple from our land, too, so that it eventually accounted for at least 80 percent of the interior wood in the whole project.

Another notable feature of the library is the furniture, much of which was made by the firm of Beeken Parsons, which is housed at Shelburne Farms and known for its use of "character" woods. Beeken Parsons produced all the chairs and tables in the library and used only maple grown on the College's land in Ripton. The solidity and simplicity of this furniture is a special attraction of the library for me. When I'm trying to finish grading a set of papers, I'll often carry my briefcase over to the library from my Munroe Hall office so that I can work on one of those stately tables. Their deep, rubbed finish and the little knots and curlicues within the rich beauty of the wood encourage me to move ahead with these pressing tasks. I believe that the students studying with me at the same table may feel a similar experience of uplift from the quality of their surroundings. A residential college, after all, is an intentional community. The grandeur of this high-ceilinged reading room, with its distinguished furniture, can foster a greater spaciousness in our reflections and our conversations.

Of course, an important factor in using green-certified lumber is obviously the extra cost incurred by following best practices in the woods and enforcing uniform standards throughout the chain of custody from logs to framing and furniture. Middlebury has been willing to pay a modest premium on such lumber both in the interests of our students' education in ecological stewardship and in order to help bring the sustainable lumber industry in our state to scale. However, there can also be surprising economic benefits, as well. A few years ago, students in Chris Klyza's environmental studies senior seminar did an analysis of the sustainable wood in the construction of LaForce Hall. One interesting comparison was between the actual cost of birch and beech for that project with what it would likely have cost to use the Pennsylvania cherry originally requested by the architect. The trucking, sawing, milling, and drying figures were all quite comparable between the original plan and the decided approach. The actual cost of logging in Vermont, with more and smaller trees, more uneven terrain, and higher standards for roads, buffers, and single-stem selection was at least $10,000 higher than it would have been otherwise. But the lower stumpage costs for birch and beech, along with a significantly lower amount going to middlemen in our system, meant that VFF wood cost $67,661 while the average price for Pennsylvania cherry in the same period would have meant a total of $105,270. Beginning with ecological values, then, we also adjusted our aesthetic expectations in a way that made for a more frugal choice. The architect for Ross Commons and LaForce, Tia Soo Kim, subsequently wrote to VFF, "Your fundamental concern for managed use of and replenishment of our forests is admirable. More Americans need to be involved, particularly those of us who've been rather indiscriminate in our usage. Education is the key. You are teaching us that managed sustainable forest land is not only necessary, but economical."

Indeed, as we read the stories of the forest in the swirl of character-marked boards, we will gain a broad, refreshing context within which to consider our next steps. In walking *between* the College's new buildings, too, we can lift our eyes to the forested ridges framing the campus to the east and south, and be reminded that our little academic community is part of a broader circle of life.

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And it was time
to lay it to rest.

Requiem for a Dream

BY DEVON O'NEIL '01

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OUTSIDE, THE WIND HISSES and snowflakes drift through the dark mountain air as Tara Sheahan '82 gets ready for bed at 6,600 feet.

It is 10:30 on a frigid November evening in West Yellowstone, Montana, and Tara pads around a rented log cabin. Tomorrow is the biggest Nordic ski race of her life.

While her husband Casey slumbers alongside their youngest son, 13-year-old Aidan, in one of the cabin's two beds, and 14-year-old Caelin nestles under a blanket of coats on the floor, Tara finishes the journal entry she has been working on, turns off the light and walks over to the sink to brush her teeth. She puts her arms on a windowsill and stares pensively into the blackness. An air purifier hums below the drone of Casey and Caelin's snoring. She hears none of it.

At 45, Tara had always been a long shot to make the Olympic Nordic team. But then again, if we were talking about a conventional story, she would have been gunning for gold in '84, when she was in her prime. She wouldn't have had to wait thirty years to pursue her dream.

But Tara Sheahan's life has been anything but conventional.

And so here she is in West Yellowstone.

Only now, on the eve of the race, she has another thought. Tomorrow, she won't be racing for a spot on the Olympic team or for the dream of Olympic gold. No, she will race to "honor her body." And also to honor her soul.

She brushes her teeth and slips under the covers. The room is hot and her mind is swirling; rest doesn't come easily. She gets about four hours of spotty sleep before waking at dawn. She meditates on her bed for 10 minutes, like she does every morning, then eats her breakfast in silence.

After donning her bright red Swix uniform and gathering her skis, Tara kisses her sons goodbye and jumps into the car with Casey for the five-minute ride to the race site. They say little, and then Tara blurts out "What the hell am I doing? I'm 45 years old!" They both laugh.

At the venue, Tara hops out of the car, says goodbye to Casey, and begins mapping out her strategy. Usually it would be, "bust your ass at the start, then survive," though today she plans on letting her body drive the pace. "You just tell me what you want," she tells herself. "You just tell me what you can do."

She narrows her ski quiver to two, and then takes each on a quick test run before selecting the set she will use in the race. The previous night, she had applied a glide wax base to the tips and heels, but now that she knows the conditions, she adds a kick wax underfoot. It is still snowy and blustery, meaning the grooved tracks could be stickier than usual.

The other racers hover near the start around Tara, and despite the strategy she has tailored, she can't escape the tense pre-race atmosphere.

Just when the pressure begins to creep into her psyche, "the clowns show up." Casey, Aidan, Caelin, and Casey's sister and nephew all shuffle clumsily over toward the start on cross country skis. For Tara, a tense, somber scene had turned comical, hilarious.

With her mind at ease, she prepares for the start. The starter tells her she can go "any time after five," and as he begins his countdown, Tara rockets out of the chute before he gets to "three." She goes out harder than she had planned, but at the same time is conscious of what her body is telling her. She feels her heart and lungs, and tries to stay relaxed while winding through the undulating, tree-lined course.

She is racing well. Her transitions from one track to the next are smooth, and her efforts to "flow like water" correspond with fast skiing. Right at the end of the first of two 5-kilometer laps, a much younger racer from the University of Colorado passes her. Yet instead of freaking out, she marvels at the burly skier's technique. "That's beautiful," she says to herself.

Moments later, the voice in her head pipes up. "OK, this is the time. This is where you *go*. This is where you start to lay it down." Yet, for the first time in years, Tara ignores it. Instead, she continues skiing the way she planned: relaxed, at peace, intuitively. "I knew that if I listened to that voice," she said later, "I would've been doing it for somebody else."

The conditions worsen on the second lap, as the racers start slipping on the uphill sections and struggling to maintain speed on the downhills. Tara passes two women during the race and, save for the skier from CU, holds her position against those who started after her. As she crests the final hill, she feels strong, and when she coasts across the finish line, the clowns hurry to congratulate her. When they arrive, they flop around like ducks, stepping on her skis and making something of a scene. Tara chuckles at the sight, then proudly introduces her family, in particular her sons, to the other skiers as they mill around the finish area.

After the race, Tara checks the results sheet. She finished 25th overall, 16th among American women. It is slightly lower than where she has placed during her Olympic pursuit, but she doesn't care. She scarfs down a donut and a cup of hot cocoa, an indulgence she rarely allowed herself during the three-year run leading up to this race, and then returns to the log cabin. The next morning she drives 12 hours back to her home in Boulder, Colorado.

Later, she says, "I wanted to come out of that race and feel like my body was resilient and strong." She pauses, then adds: "And I knew that it was my last race."

SHE HAD FELT THIS ONCE BEFORE. Just days after graduating from Middlebury in the spring of 1982, Tara—then named Tara McMenamy—believed she had left skiing for good. She grew up all but possessed by the sport, held hostage by the longing to be the best cross country racer in the world—and the fear that she could fail. But at 22, with two NCAA team championships and more All-American plaques than she knew what to do with, she despised everything about it. So she moved to New York City and left it behind, in her past, where it could do nothing more than haunt her.

She was raised in Breckenridge, Colorado, a town at 9,600 feet that is home to a nationally renowned Nordic youth program. Under the direction of Gary Giberson, a no-nonsense guru and virtual legend within the sport, the Summit County club produced more than 20 Colorado ski championships and fed athletes

Tara, flanked by sons Aidan (left) and Caelin (right), endured an almost unfathomable amount of physical and emotional suffering over the years—and ended up thriving in spite of it.

to the national team almost annually. Within two short years, Tara went from a first-time racer to U.S. Ski Team member.

As a fourth-generation Coloradan and the daughter of the local ski resort manager, Tara's success did not come as a total surprise. In fact, she was one of seven kids on her high school squad who eventually made the U.S. team. Yet she was different. She played in the school band, served as an officer on the student council, ranked near the top of her class. Giberson, her famously stern-faced coach, described Tara as someone who made everyone around her happier, including him. "She had a bubbly personality," he said.

One evening, in the spring of 1978—just days after deciding to attend to Middlebury—the gregarious 17-year-old left her house on the Blue River to go out with her boyfriend. He was a boxer, an arrogant older guy whom her parents did not approve of. That night, he raped her.

The experience—"date rape," before the term was invented—devastated Tara's self-esteem and robbed her of the control on which she thrived. No longer a kid who lit up the room, she became "down, dark," she says. She stopped seeing her boyfriend—who never faced legal repercussions—and told almost nobody about the rape.

Three months later, Tara left Breckenridge for Middlebury. She liked the relative anonymity she found in Vermont, and didn't tell any of her classmates she was on the U.S. Ski Team. Neither did she tell anyone that she had been raped. On the outside she played the cool, collected kid. On the inside, she recalls, "There was a part of me that was completely freaking out. The rape was always on my mind."

Despite the two NCAA titles and All-American honors she earned in Nordic skiing and cross-country running while at Middlebury, Tara's success met only a fraction of her potential, and for the first time in her life she doubted herself. By fleeing to New York—away from the ski trails that had been her life—she thought she would be leaving all her problems behind. She had no idea how wrong she was.

At first glance, it appears that Tara's life turned around after her move to New York. In 1988, she married Casey Sheahan, a Stanford-educated, Grateful Dead-following outdoorsman who would eventually become the editor and publisher of *Powder* magazine. She would have two kids (Caelin and Aidan, born in 1990 and 1992, respectively) and even started to ski recreationally again. In 1995, though, she blew out her knee while skiing in Breckenridge. A month after reconstructive surgery, the madness began.

The pain started in her forearms and knees, a searing, *electric* pain that soon radiated throughout her body. She visited eight doctors in search of a diagnosis, each time coming up empty; most thought she was suffering from tendonitis. Soon, she began walking backwards down stairs to relieve the strain on her joints.

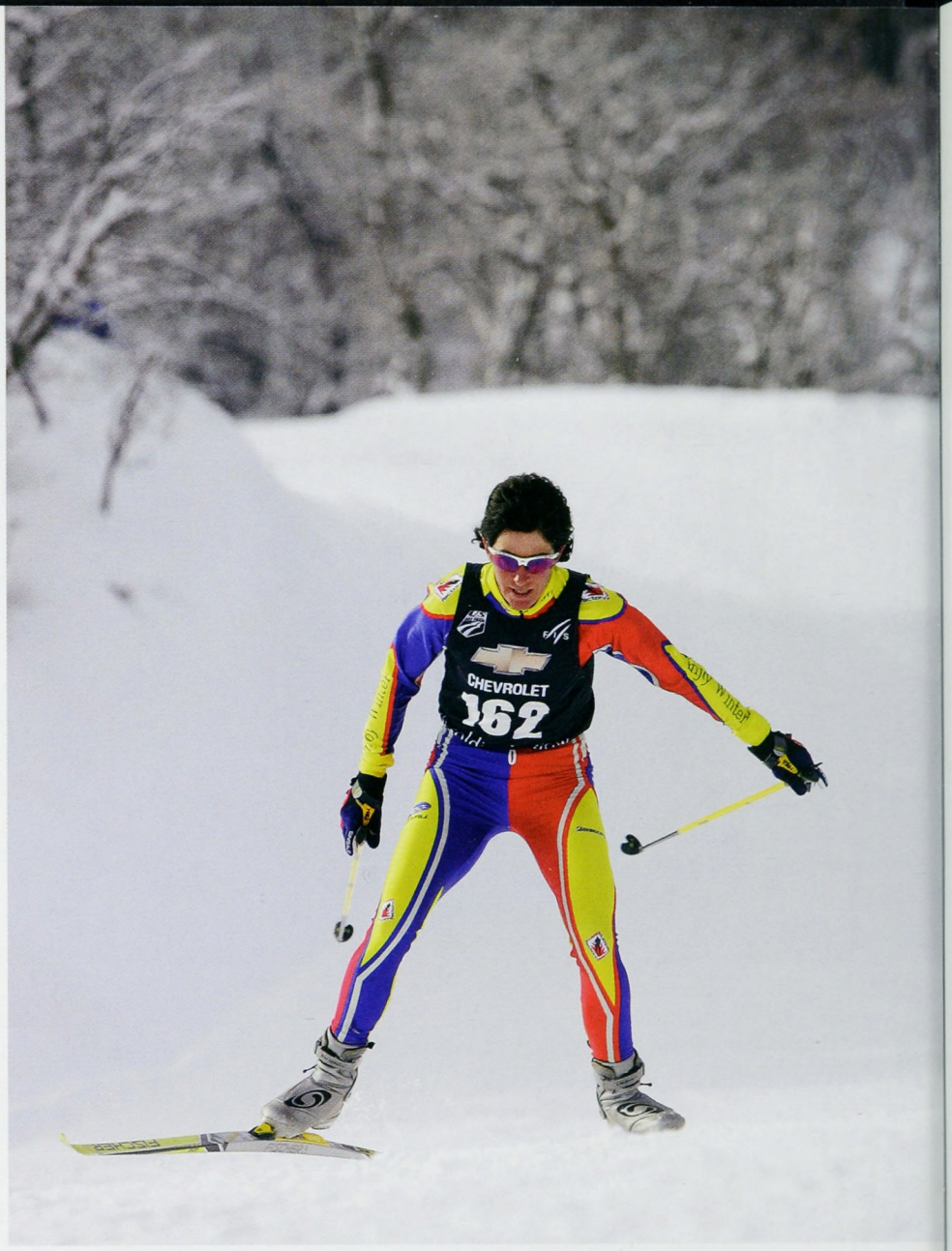
A doting, intelligent parent, Tara would forget the names of

her children and where she lived; her hair started falling out in clumps. Then one day while attempting to give her three-year-old son a piggyback ride, Tara's body went limp, and she crumpled to the floor of her garage. With her children shrieking in fear, Tara lay prone on the cold, salty concrete, unable to move, as still as a corpse. A grim reality set in: She knew she was dying.

The family moved from Vermont (where they had settled) to Colorado, so Tara could be closer to her parents, and Casey quietly started to wonder what he would do if he lost his wife. Still desperately in search of answers and clinging to a thread of hope, Tara finally got the diagnosis that had been missing for so many months: she had Lyme disease.

Her recovery took more than three years—the tick that introduced the Lyme disease had also transferred a malaria-like parasite that ravaged her red blood cells—yet just when she began to feel better, a routine exam exposed another horrifying condition: a tumor the size of a grapefruit had grown on Tara's ovary.

During the operation to remove the noncancerous growth, doctors noticed disturbing scars from endometriosis, a common condition in women that causes tissue to grow and shed where it should not. One doctor told Casey, "Your wife is full of wounds." It was, in this case, a fateful way of describing the effects of endometriosis. For when Tara heard the doctor's observations, she realized somebody else had articulated what she had carried around for so long—through her marriage, through motherhood, through debilitating illness—and it helped to liberate her. For 23 years, she had ignored her life's first catastrophe—the rape—and she knew, she *knew*, that everything that followed had incubated and festered and thrived in the well of stress and fear that was her inner being. Finally, she decided, it was time to deal with it.



It was said that no one's technique was as fluid as Tara's. "I always thought that out of all of us, she'd be the one to do it. It seemed like she was so on track, and then...it was like, *What happened?*" says three-time Olympian Ingrid Butts.

While undergoing concentrated therapy, Tara and her family attended the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, and while watching the female cross country racers, Tara had a surreal feeling she couldn't fully explain. She couldn't take her eyes off the way the racers' bodies moved; she was mesmerized by the way their arms and legs worked in concert, by the fluidity of their muscles. During the 30K classic race, she wept. "There was this feeling," she would later say, "like, 'That's what I do. I'm a ski racer.' It was like my heart was pushing out of my chest, just like, 'I have to finish this. I have to finish this.' My mind was not the boss, it was my heart. I was ready." She realized then that while the terror of her living nightmare had been resolved, her long-dormant dream of Olympic gold continued to haunt her. Within days, she announced to Casey that, at the age of 41, she was going to get back in the game.

The summer after the 2002 Olympics, while getting her body back in the shape it had not known since 1982, Tara attended a camp in Park City, Utah, home to the U.S. Ski Team. She once belonged to this team, but now she looked more like an athlete's mother than a potential team member. She nervously walked up to a group of athletes to join them in their workout, and, remembers Aubrey Smith, one of the skiers present that day, "We just thought she was some older lady who wanted to be around kids. I didn't know she was serious about it." The next day, Tara beat many of the younger women in a trail running time trial at Soldier Hollow. Heads turned. "You don't expect somebody like her to be with the front pack," Smith said.

Tara began her comeback at the local level that winter and continued to climb the U.S. rankings the following two years. The

Photograph by Jonathan Selkowitz

Subaru Factory Team, the most prestigious professional cross country ski team in North America, picked her up for the 2004-05 season, and her results were good enough that the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association included her on the list of potential Olympians that it sent to the U.S. Olympic Committee, in anticipation of the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

LAST FALL, as Tara prepared for what promised to be a frenzied push toward the 2006 Games, another obstacle loomed in her path. On Labor Day weekend, while visiting the tiny mountain town of Salida, Colorado, Tara was jogging along a mountain trail when a rattlesnake shot from the brush at her feet and sank its fangs into her ankle. She spent 24 hours in the intensive care unit and her leg swelled to five times its normal size; two days later she was training again, and within two weeks she was skiing on an Austrian glacier.

Tara's first race of the season, a 10K pursuit in Alaska, was supposed to be a step forward. It was the one that would reflect all her summer training, all the intervals she ran up those 13,000-foot mountains, all the pain she endured. Instead, it was a letdown. Sub-zero temperatures and an unexpectedly weak response by her muscles—"My body was mad at me," Tara swears—led to a disappointing result despite her draining effort. She went home demoralized and suddenly wondered whether she should continue.

The next day, she talked over her doubts and fears with her family. Though her oldest son liked the idea of having her around more, her youngest, Aidan, quietly said: "Mom, you ended on a really bad note. It was cold, and it was at seas level. You can't end like that."

"And I heard that," Tara says.

So she drove to the SuperTour race in West Yellowstone. In the back of her mind she still harbored the dream. She still believed, on some level, that this race could be the one to get her back on track. But that night she made her decision. And it brought her peace.

A LITTLE AFTER FOUR O'CLOCK on a blustery winter afternoon in Breckenridge, the sun sets over the jutting beauty of the Ten Mile Range. Tara Sheahan is huddled in the cozy upstairs gear room of a local ski shop, trying on telemark boots. It is early December, a few weeks since the race at West Yellowstone.

She has come to Breckenridge to ski with her kids, not to compete in the elite-level cross country races taking place on the north end of town. She bought a season ski pass yesterday. Today she is getting equipped for her unexpected return to what she calls "leisure mode."

Long gone is the "fantasy happy ending" possibility that Tara believed for so long would finish her story. Instead she is just a mother and a wife. But she is full. In fact, she says she is happier now than she has ever been in her life. Skiing, once and for all, set her free.

"Racing became more about fulfillment," she says in the philosophical, enlightening tone that reflects her rare perspective on life. "Fulfillment's a feeling. It's not something you get from a race or a medal or a lot of money. I was coming to that conclusion, that in order to get what I wanted, I had to desire something outside of myself. And what I really desire is myself, in a really healthy way. I want to have fulfillment just by nature of being here. It's prana, it's chi. It goes out and goes in. Fulfillment is all in here. You don't get it by getting something. I think that's what I realized about this journey, is that that's what I was initially trying to get, some fulfillment. Fulfillment in completion of attaining a spot on the Olympic team, or winning a gold medal. There's validation in there. There's self-worth issues in there. And as I started to get whole myself, I realized, I don't need this, I really don't need this."

As word of her story has circulated within the nation's Lyme community, Tara has become something of a legend, a mythical

She spent 24 hours in the intensive care unit and her leg swelled to five times its normal size; two days later she was training again.

figure who not only beat the deadly disease, but flourished physically in spite of it. Every month or two, she receives a letter in the mail from a Lyme sufferer. She doesn't know how they find her, but their words move her. They tell her she is a hero, that she gives them hope. She talks to others on the phone, lending optimism and strength to patients of all ages, from California to Boston. "People kind of amaze me," is how she describes the conversations.

Here in the ski shop, Tara says she is OK with coming oh-so-close to her dream, then watching it slip away forever. Part of her, at least.

"In my healthy, enlightened way, I'm a thousand percent OK with it," she says. "But we always have that little dysfunctional person in us. I have that 17-year-old that's, like, so bummed. And she exists in my body sort of like kicking my butt around going, 'God dammit. Why did you give me this 45-year-old body to do this? Why did you do this? You've got kids, your husband got a new job—now look! You're so complicated! Why couldn't you have just been 17 and done it when you were 17? Or 18, or 20?' But the 45-year-old says, 'This is the best I could do.' That person is completely happy with it."

For a moment, Tara is quiet. She stares at the floor and then looks up.

"We are trained to think that it's not the process, it's the end result," she says. "But if you're always pushing toward that end, I feel like you're missing what the messages are along the way."

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Remains OF THE Day

The College's new permanent gallery of Asian art sheds light on some of the greatest advances in civilization.

Consider Asia. The largest and most populous landmass on the planet, the continent has introduced the following to the world: paper, printing, silk production, porcelain, and cast iron; graduated calculation, rudiments of geometry, the concept of zero; chess, backgammon, playing cards, polo; and Buddhism, for centuries the most widespread religion on Earth.

Yet, permanent collections of Asian art and artifacts have largely been the domain of urban museums (think the Metropolitan Museum of Art) or large research universities (Harvard's Sackler Museum comes to mind). With the opening of the Robert F. Reiff Gallery in the College's Museum of Art, however, Middlebury becomes one of the few liberal arts institutions in North America to host a permanent collection of Asian art.

Occupying a wing of the museum's second floor, the Reiff Gallery showcases the major cultural traditions of Asia, including Buddhist and Hindu works from Pakistan, India, Tibet, and Mongolia; Indian and Chinese painting; Chinese ceramics and jades; early Chinese textiles; and Chinese and Japanese lacquers.

The inaugural exhibit contains nearly 100 works of art, dating back to the third millennium BCE (Before the Common Era). "As Asia becomes more and more visible to Americans due to its demographics and expanding role in the global economy, it is important to recognize that for thousands of years it has been home to innovative civilizations and the originator of many technological innovations," College president Ronald D. Liebowitz said on the occasion of the gallery's opening in September.

The gallery is dedicated to the memory of Robert F. Reiff, a professor of the history of art at Middlebury from 1958–82, who oversaw the development of the College's Asian collection.

—The Editors

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FIGURE OF AVALOKITESHVARA (GUANYIN)
Chinese, Northern Qi Dynasty, dated by inscription 568 CE
Gilt Bronze
Purchase, with funds provided by the Barbara P. and Robert P. '64 Youngman Acquisition Fund for Asian Art

■ GUANYIN IS THE CHINESE NAME FOR AVALOKITESHVARA, the Bodhisattva of Compassion in Buddhist tradition. The most popular and appealing of the Bodhisattvas, Guanyin was much sought after by those in dire straits, for his understanding and beneficence. A small devotional figure, this would have been privately owned and worshiped by a single family. Unique to this particular piece is the inscription engraved along the base, which dates it back to the year 568.

The inscription also evidences a distinctly Chinese emphasis on the importance of family, as it reads, "With this image, may the country, the monks and teachers of numerous ages, my deceased parents, and all sentient beings gain enlightenment and achieve Buddhahood."

By the sixth century, Buddhism had migrated to China from India and established itself as a major religion. With its emphasis on honoring deceased ancestors, this inscription is emblematic of the changes Buddhism underwent in its earliest adaptation into Chinese culture.

SUIT OF CEREMONIAL ARMOR
Japanese, Edo period (1603–1868), 18th to early 19th century
Iron, leather, gilded wood, gilded bronze, silver, hair
Purchase, with funds provided by the Christian A. Johnson Memorial Fund and the Barbara P. and Robert P. Youngman '64 Acquisition Fund for Asian Art

■ THOUGH CEREMONIAL AND INTENDED FOR IMPERIAL PROCESSIONS and not for combat, this suit of armor presents an interesting paradox. Produced sometime between the late 18th and early 19th centuries, this armor and other wartime accouterments continued to play an important role in Japanese ceremonial life. Japan's martial culture remained prevalent despite the fact that the nation had been in a period of peace since 1603, when Tokugawa shoguns came to power after centuries of war and unrest.

A suit of armor like this one would have been too ornate for an ordinary foot soldier and would have been worn instead by a middle-ranking officer. Much of the body is constructed of leather lacing, interspersed with silk brocade and tooled metal. While this armor does retain many of the functional aspects of something that would have actually been worn into battle, its decoration and adornments made it too impractical for anything besides ceremonial exhibition.

MINIATURE PAGODA WITH BUDDHIST INCANTATION
Japanese, Nara period (710–794), c. 767–770
Wood with white lead covering; incantation: ink on paper
Purchase, with funds provided by the Christian A. Johnson Memorial Fund and the Barbara and Robert P. '64 Youngman Acquisition Fund for Asian Art

■ THIS MINIATURE PAGODA, or *hyakumanto*, is part of a set of 1 million commissioned by Empress Shotoku during the eighth century. In a gesture of appeasement and reverence to the Buddhist community, the Empress offered this gift—an incantation enclosed in a small, wooden pagoda—to apologize for her inappropriate liaisons with a young monk. The incantation was excerpted from a sutra (a collection of precepts) that promises expiation of sin and accumulation of religious merit through the copying of sutras and construction of pagodas.

Scandal aside, the incantations represent the second oldest examples of printing that have survived to the present. Printed via woodblock with ink on paper, these precede the earliest printing in the West by several centuries. "This set is of enormous significance, given the economic and cultural impact of printing," says Colin Mackenzie, the Robert P. Youngman '64 Curator of Asian Art. "Without printing, there would have been severe limits on the spread of literacy. Within a short period, large numbers of books were being printed in East Asia, hundreds of years before Gutenberg invented his press." Although a considerable number—about 40,000—remain in the temple at Horyuji, the *hyakumanto* are extremely rare outside of Japan.

BELL (YONG ZHONG)
Chinese Eastern Zhou period (770–256 BCE), 6th to early 5th century BCE
Bronze
Loan, from Barbara P. and Robert P. '64 Youngman

■ ALONG WITH RITUAL SACRIFICE, music was central to ancient Chinese custom. Cast in bronze from a clay mold, this bell would have originally been part of a carillon. Together the bells in some carillons covered five octaves. Played by being struck on the outside by a mallet, each bell was carefully designed to produce two distinct tones, created by striking specific sections of its lens-shaped profile—a feature unique to ancient Chinese bells. Knobs on the exterior served to dampen vibration and produce a clearer tone, while adorning the bell with intricate etchings of dragons. Perhaps the most distinctive aspect of this particular bell is the blue and green patina that has formed on its surface. After casting, the bell would have been bright and brassy. Centuries of aging in an enclosed tomb have changed it radically, and today it can be seen in three colors: the original tone; pale green on its body; and a darker blue on the handle, a rare byproduct of oxidized bronze.

Admission to the Museum of Art is free. Hours of operation are 10 A.M.–5 P.M. (Tuesday through Friday) and 12 noon–5 P.M (Saturday and Sunday). The museum is closed on Monday.
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Class Action

EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED When he posted the Craigslist ad, Amine Bouchentouf thought he'd pick up a teaching gig. What he found, instead, was a new career. Photograph by Bob Handelman

Trading Spaces

How does one go from working on Wall Street to writing *Arabic for Dummies*?

By Brian Eule

Amine Bouchentouf '03 doesn't remember the exact wording of the ad he posted on Craigslist—the popular Internet bulletin board used to search for jobs, apartments, and items to sell and buy—but it was something like this: *Native Arabic Speaker. Middlebury College Graduate. Teaching Experience. Offering Arabic language and Arabic immersion service.* He added his phone number and e-mail address.

Bouchentouf had taught an Arabic seminar when he was an undergrad, and the Morocco native was contemplating ways he could share his culture with people in the United States and bridge the gap between "two entities that were in a state of complete communication breakdown after 9/11." Although he hadn't given much thought about how he would put together a class, Bouchentouf felt that his reliance on discipline and structure would allow him to fit another activity into an already hectic lifestyle. At the time, he was working as an analyst on the trading desk of a Wall Street firm, waking up at five each morning and getting to work between six and six-thirty so he could conduct research in preparation for the market's open bell, at nine. He thrived on the pressure and intensity and burned off stress at his local gym each evening. One more challenge, one more thing added to his day, sounded just fine.

Two years later, Bouchentouf sits in a large diner in Manhattan's Upper East Side and laughs at this recollection. With a high forehead and a receding hairline, he looks older than his 25 years. That Craigslist posting? It changed his life in ways he never would have imagined. He has written one book on Arabic and is in the process of writing another; he's created a Web page (*www.al-baab.com*) to serve as the "gateway between the West and the Middle East"; and yes, he teaches classes on the subject.

Bouchentouf seems to feel comfortable in this diner—"Googies," it's called—and he often comes with his laptop so that he can crank out some work. On this chilly New York evening, though, the laptop is absent. On the table instead are Bouchentouf's iPod, a plate of food, and an unopened copy of Living Language's *Complete Arabic: The Basics.*

When he posted the ad on Craigslist, Bouchentouf had never heard of Living Language. About two weeks after the posting though, he received a phone call from

Bridging cultures
Equally at home in the U.S. and his native Morocco, Bouchentouf—here dining at Le Souk in NYC—wants his work to serve as a gateway between the West and the Middle East.

Photograph by Bob Handelman

Chris Warnasch, who said he was with the organization and that he had seen Bouchentouf's ad online. Assuming that Living Language was the name of a school, Bouchentouf was surprised to learn that it was a division of Random House that produces language "courses," boxed sets of course books and recordings, usually on compact disc. Warnasch was its editorial director.

The publishing house had been in search of an author to write an Arabic course book, and Warnasch had been talking to several professors of Middle Eastern studies but had yet to find the right fit. He still isn't sure why he looked on Craigslist that day. "I must have been looking for a piece of furniture or something and it was on my mind," he says. On a lark, he decided to enter the word "Arabic" into its search engine. It was an unusual thing for Warnasch to do, a method of looking for a writer that he had never used before. "I didn't expect to find anyone at all," he says. When he saw Bouchentouf's posting, he noticed that the recent grad had come from Middlebury, where he knew there was a strong language program. So he decided to contact this aspiring teacher. ("I like the idea of working with teachers who have to come up with a scrappy way of teaching and tutoring," he explains.) That same day, he asked Bouchentouf to do a proposal for the book, with a table of contents and a sample chapter.

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"I think I had just finished a rough day," says Bouchentouf, picking up the story. "I really didn't know what to make of it. I thought that this was something small. I thought that they had someone to write the book and that they wanted a tech editor or someone to complement the writing of the book."

An economics major, Bouchentouf had never published anything; he hadn't even written a thesis in college. But he did have plenty of experience with languages, speaking five: French, Arabic, English, Italian, and Spanish. For the 10 days that followed Warnasch's phone call, Bouchentouf used his evenings and weekends to work on the proposal, with plenty of black coffee to help.

Warnasch liked the proposal and offered Bouchentouf the job. "Amine seemed like someone who could fit with my insane schedule," notes the editor, who was in a rush to produce the book.

While writing *Complete Arabic,* Bouchentouf kept his job at the trading desk, writing in the evenings and on weekends. He continued to consume copious amounts of coffee and discovered that his obsessive tendencies—for instance, he often plays the same song on his iPod, repeating as many as 12 times because the repetitive rhythms relax him—allowed him to pull off the lifestyle of having two demanding jobs. After the book was published last April, he decided to take his writing in a different direction.

Complete Arabic is for the really serious student, he notes, and he was interested in making the language more accessible to the general populace. He decided that there should be an *Arabic for Dummies.*

Bouchentouf went in search of a literary agent, something he had not known about during his previous negotiations. Though he didn't find one on Craigslist—"I think he found me in the phonebook," says agent Mark Sullivan with a laugh—the result was the same. "The thing that struck me about Amine is how easy it is to talk to him about anything," Sullivan says. "He knows so much about so many things. Amine is more like that than anyone I know." Sullivan decided to represent him, and the two secured a deal for *Arabic for Dummies.* Bouchentouf left his Wall Street job and spent the second half of 2005 writing his second book.

"I want to introduce as many people as possible to the Arabic language," Bouchentouf says. With a long history of public service in his family, he says that he wants to do "something that's going to be helpful to people. I really see it as a way of giving back."

Not that he doesn't get a kick out of all this. Recently, he found himself in a bookstore and saw a woman holding *Complete Arabic.* Bouchentouf walked up to her and said, "So, you're learning Arabic?"

"Yeah," the woman said.

Bouchentouf replied, "I wrote that book you're holding," and the two began talking about her upcoming trip—to the Middle East.

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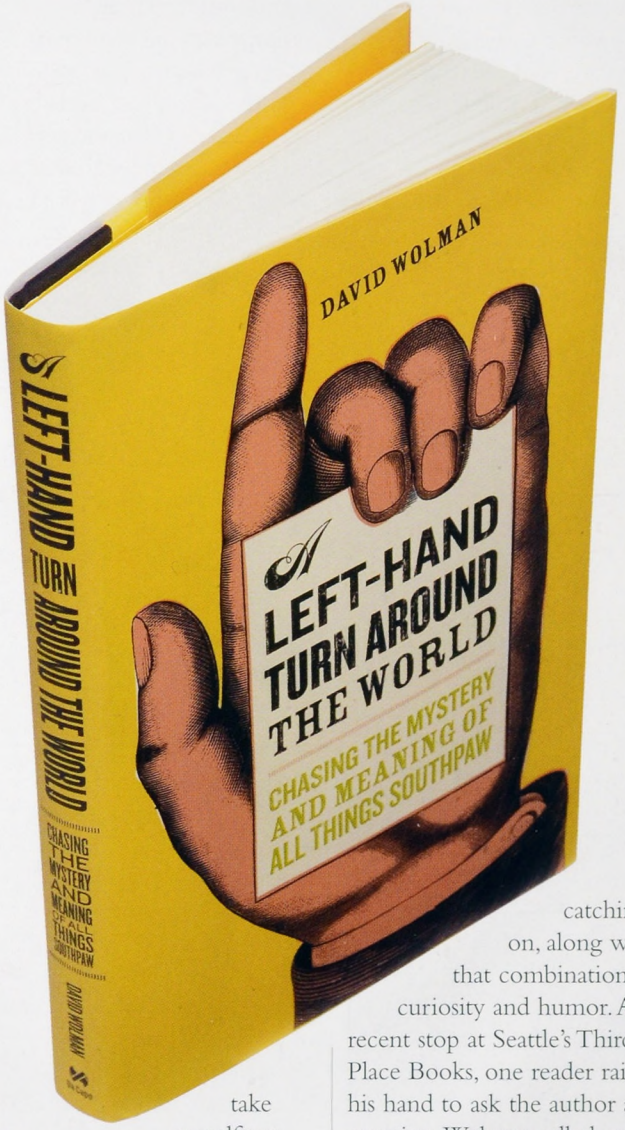
The Life of a Lefty

Journalist Dave Wolman '96 reveals the secrets of all things southpaw

By Brian Eule and the Editors



He could have said no to the electric shock.

Dave Wolman '96 had already enrolled in palm-reading school, practiced descending a castle's circular staircase with a sword (well, a plastic sword) in his left hand, and carefully witnessed with which hands chimpanzees threw dung at each other, all to better understand issues of left-handedness. Wolman could have stopped before a tattooed Ph.D. candidate put a paddle to his head, "zapping" him with an electric shock so that the author might discover—firsthand, so to speak—what parts of the brain correspond to the use of one's hands. But Wolman seems like an all-or-nothing guy, and his yearlong quest to discover all things left-handed, resulting in the book *A Left-Hand Turn Around the World* (Perseus, 2005), reveals a new and likable writer with wit, intelligence, and a good sense of adventure.

A leftie himself, Wolman is also a journalist with an insatiable appetite for the arcane, and during the past several years he had painstakingly compiled a rather extensive file containing articles on anything even remotely related to lefties and left-hand tendencies. (Even his father got into the act, sending his son regular e-mail on the topic.) Wolman figured he had to do something about this curiosity, and his solution was to spend a year "chasing the mystery and meaning of all things southpaw," as the cover on his debut book announces.

Yet as he set off to conduct research on the subject, Wolman was also aware of possible pitfalls. He didn't want to write a book that was, as he says, "all about left-handed trivia and kitchen products ideal for left-handers." Instead, *A Left-Hand Turn Around the World* conveys a strong scientific approach that will allow the layman to better understand the causes and differences between lefties and righties. He also mixes in stories of his own excitement at bonding with others of his kind. "Hey, you're a lefty. So am I," he tells a barber in Japan. "No, it's the mirror," the barber replies. "Ten bucks he tells this story at parties," Wolman writes.

It's this combination of intellectual curiosity with a likable and charming narrator that makes the book most refreshing. "I didn't want to take myself too seriously," admits Wolman, who at one point borrowed his four-year-old nephew to be studied by "southpaw neuropsychologist" Jane M. Healey, to determine if the boy will take after his uncle and be a lefty. "I wasn't keen on writing something that could be easily pegged as just science or just humor."

Now, on his book tour, Wolman finds that his fascination with handedness is catching on, along with that combination of curiosity and humor. At a recent stop at Seattle's Third Place Books, one reader raised his hand to ask the author a question. Wolman called on him. The reader noted, "I intentionally raised my left hand," and asked his question.

—Brian Eule

As a syndicated columnist for the *Providence Journal*, Mark Patinkin '74 has authored many heart-warming and gut-wrenching stories during an award-winning career that has entered its fourth decade. But none is more gut wrenching—and ultimately heart-

Photographs by Tad Merrick

warming—than the tale of Andrew Bateson, a Providence youngster who fought a life-or-death battle with bacterial meningitis and then decided that it wasn't enough simply to survive.

Patinkin's book, *Up and Running* (Center Street, 2005), relays—in exacting detail—not only Bateson's minute-by-minute struggles in a Providence hospital as he hovered between life and death but also the eight intervening years until now, as Bateson and his family struggled mightily with both the physical and emotional aftershocks that nearly tore the family apart.

Yet as the title will attest, the story is ultimately uplifting, as Bateson and his family overcome all manner of adversity. The family is thriving, and Bateson, despite losing both legs, is as active as any other 14-year-old, competing in ice hockey and baseball and tearing around his neighborhood on rollerblades.

Up and Running is part medical drama, part personal saga and comeback story, but above all it is a must-read.

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From the writer who brought us *50 Jobs Worse Than Yours* ("Book Marks," fall 2004) comes another compendium that should make everyone feel a little better about themselves: *50 Relatives Worse Than Yours* (Bloomsbury USA, 2005).

As in his earlier work, JUSTIN RACZ '97 has chosen actual people as his subjects (or targets, depending on your point of view). His selection is all encompassing—ranging from characters as frustrating as the "Family E-Mail Forwarder" to as off-putting as the "Inappropriate Uncle." Each entry contains witty observations that include the subject's motto, his or her secret, and the benefits and drawbacks of having such a relative. (Benefit of the "Shrimp Ring Bringer"? It's better than nothing. Drawback? Actually, it would be better if she brought nothing. $5.99 for 30 shrimp? Be afraid. Be very afraid.")

And guys, if you've escaped Racz's eye so far, don't breathe too easily yet. Coming early this year: *50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours*.

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For 20 years, GEORGE MATTESON '71 operated and captained tugboats from his homeport of New York Harbor, where he had also worked as the waterfront manager of the South Street Seaport Museum. The author of *Draggermen: Fishing on Georges Bank*, Matteson has now turned his attention to a subject for which he has great affection: the tugboats of New York.

In *Tugboats of New York: An Illustrated History* (New York University Press, 2005), Matteson has written a love letter, albeit a fact-filled one, to the workhorses of the New York City harbor, capturing the history and iconography of one of maritime's most unsung vessels.

Matteson's book is an exquisite work, featuring more than 150 black-and-white illustrations and rare photographs from the likes of Gordon Parks, one of the world's foremost documentary photographers. Yet what carries the book is Matteson's command of the subject matter. Says filmmaker Ric Burns, who produced the epic PBS series, *New York: A Documentary Film*, *Tugboats of New York* is a "brave and jaunty disquisition, copiously illustrated, on the history of tugboats in the port of New York—written with boundless enthusiasm and affection for its subject, and with more than a little longing for the days when ships of all kinds dominated the rhythm of life in and around the city's endless waterways."

Indeed, Matteson relates, "The harbor used to be its own floating world. The 1918 New York census showed 12,000 people living on tugs and barges in the harbor." At its peak in 1929, the harbor hosted 800 tugboats. Now, there are fewer than 60 tugs still working. If Matteson's book is an ode to a dying breed, the worthy tug couldn't have received a better send off.

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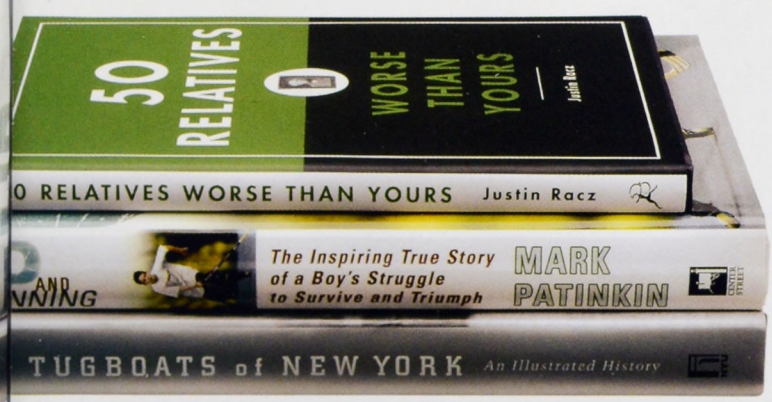
Night Table

What's on Dave Wolman's night table?

- *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion
- *Where Soldiers Fear to Tread* by John Burnett
- *The Underdog: How I Survived the World's Most Outlandish Competitions* by Joshua Davis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The Inspiring True Story of a Boy's Struggle to Survive and Triumph
MARK PATINKIN
TUGBOATS of NEW YORK An Illustrated History

Recently Published

- *Olive's Pirate Party* (Little, Brown and Company) by ROBERTA BAKER '79
- *The Canoe Atlas of the Little North* (Boston Mills Press, 2006) by JON BERGER '67
- *The Allegiance of Thomas Hobbes* (Oxford University Press, 2005) by JEFF COLLINS '92
- *My Special World: Poems and Photographs of Dorothy Forsythe Dale* (North Point Press, 2005) by DOROTHY FORSYTHE DALE '43 and edited by Jack Dale
- *The Force of Desire: A Life of William Bronk* (Talisman House, 2006) by LYMAN GILMORE '56
- *Doing Philosophy at the Movies* (SUNY Press, 2005) by RICHARD GILMORE '81
- *The Big Green Apple: Simple Ideas for Green Living in New York City* (Globe Pequot Press, 2005) by BENJAMIN JERVEY '81

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Winter greetings from 1928. As I write, Judson Hale has just revealed the *Old Farmer's Almanac* predictions for this winter. Here in Concord the Council on Aging "Dream Team" of high school students is already preparing to bring buckets of sand to the homes of seniors like me to insure sidewalk safety. Great! ✳ While we were away, two of our classmates celebrated their 98th birthdays, **Helen M. Bailey** on August 8th and **Elizabeth Hayes Balch** on October 15th. After my greeting card to Helen didn't reach her (my error), I reached her in Vernon Hall, Vernon, Vt., by telephone. Her cousins brought a birthday feast of lobster salad and a birthday cake, low key as always. Helen has a 8-12-5 meal schedule. She has two telephones, one bedside and one by her chair. Do not call her during *Jeopardy*! Will have Elizabeth's story next time. ✳ Though appreciative of the '05 award, **Nap Blanchette**, my co-secretary for many years, found that our rewards came from the responses of our classmates and from the friendships we made with classmates we had not known in college. ✳ On to Spring! Mimi

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. J. D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet) (978-369-5595), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

31 REUNION CLASS

Let's continue to make our plans for our 75th reunion, June 2–4, 2006. Every effort will be made to accommodate our needs. Middlebury beckons!

—Class Secretary: *Mr. E. Parker Calvert (calverte@aol.com), 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

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Despite the complications of arthritis, **Nancy Moores Poltrack** writes for the monthly newsletter of her assisted living facility in Leominster, Mass. She contributes stories and writes biographies of new staff members. Nancy has two great-grandchildren, who live in Colorado, where their parents are university teachers. Her family came east in October for her 95th birthday celebration. Happy birthday, Nancy!

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After 11 weeks in a nursing home for care of a spinal infection, **Marion Goodale** writes: "I am fortunate to be able to take care of myself again at home, drive my car, garden a bit, and have enough extra strength to help some less fortunate friends. Still daily restorative exercises, rest periods, and a very few pills are needed to keep me going. I send fond remembrances and best wishes to all my college friends."

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"This has been a good year," writes **Virginia Easler Wilson**. "We are still enjoying life and keeping busy in our retirement home. The highlight this year was a 57-day cruise to the "Top of the World"—New York to New York. We visited Iceland, Greenland, Scandinavia, the Baltics, and Scotland—and several other places." ✳ Your class secretary hopes that our incommunicative classmates will sit down and write a note to your class reporter. I'd like more news to report!

—Class Secretary: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

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We regret to report the passing of **Eileen LaPan** on October 2, 2005. She was born in Middlebury in 1913. She obtained her master's in education at St. Lawrence Univ. in Canton, N.Y., in 1948 and taught Latin in several New York state public schools. In 1969, she retired to Burlington, Vt. We will close with the final remarks she made in her 50th reunion autobiography: "I have had a good life with no complaints. I have been generously blessed. May God bless my Class of '36." ✳ Remember that our class will be celebrating the occasion of our graduation from Middlebury 70 years ago this spring! June 2–4, 2006, is when we will observe our reunion.

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Louise Hubbard McCoy, 865 Central Ave., #L403, Needham, MA 02492.*

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Remembering her 55 years in New Orleans, **Elizabeth Hunt Greene** "sat safe and sound" with her daughter in Denver, watching the devastation in their beloved city. Betty moved to Denver in late 2004 to be close to her daughter. A week after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans she began to hear from old friends, "each one staying in a different state with friends or family; each with the clothes on her back; each sounding very lost." Betty told us that "so many people love New Orleans, they will work hard to rebuild the city." Recalling her two years at Middlebury before graduating from Duke, she said that time "has been an integral part of my life in so many ways." ✳ **Juno Jones Corbett** had a "lollapalooza of a 90th birthday celebration" at Longview, her residence in Ithaca, N.Y. There was Raggedy Ann and Andy cake for everyone, since it was also Raggedy Ann's 90th birthday. ✳ **Ruth Furness Lombardy** called to report that she had been in the hospital for a few days but that "things are working out. I'm out and around again, and hope to make it to 100." ✳ We send cordial get-well wishes to **Bill Heinz**, who has suffered a stroke. ✳ A joint note from **Robbie** and **Van (Ruth Van Sickle) Robinson** informs us that they will "try to stay out of trouble and keep healthy with the help of a few doctors," also noting that "as the number of pills increases, so do the problems." ✳ **Frank Piskor** has placed a self-imposed embargo on long-distance driving, some eyesight problems dictating caution. He regretted the long drought that affected upstate New York during the summer, which caused problems for the local farmers as well as his own flower and vegetable gardening. As we write this, lingering rainfall from Hurricane Rita was pelting this area, so maybe the pattern has changed. ✳ **Eileen Whitney Wilson** journeyed north from Connecticut to spend two weeks at her other home, just south of Middlebury, where she enjoyed the music and entertainment during Middlebury's Festival on the Green. The bad news was that the mosquitoes at Lake Dunmore kept her from her usual swims. Eileen is still living alone at her home in Manchester, Conn., near a son and daughter and their families. In July she had surgery for a pacemaker that, she says, has helped keep her out of the hospital ER. "I still drive, grocery shop, sew, and play bridge twice a week with the Senior Center Bridge Club." ✳ Abby Delfausse '72 writes from Poland to thank all the classmates and friends of her mother, **Margaret Scherholz Delfausse**, who have sent notes of sympathy and "their comments about Mom's generosity and high principles." She enclosed a photo I had forgotten that I had taken at our 50th reunion, showing Sherry and **Walt Brooker** sitting on a bench outside Mead Chapel, chatting, laughing, and looking out at the mountains. Both of these old friends left us last year. ✳ **Elizabeth Beebe Bliss** and her daughter have moved from Coalinga, Calif., 350 miles north to Redding, where her grandson lives. ✳ **Charles J. Harvi** has moved from Westport, Mass., to Fall River, Mass., and **Charles H. Sawyer** has a new address in Irvine, Calif., after many years in Los Angeles. ✳ We express the class's sympathy to the families and friends of those who have died since our last report. ✳ **Gladys Caldroney** died on July 4. A longtime resident of the Detroit area, Gladys was a laboratory technologist at Henry Ford Hospital and had been in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. A dean's list student at Midd, she was active in the Mountain Club and French Club. In recent years she was the class representative in the Gamaliel Painter's Cane Society. In a note to us last summer

Gladys wrote, "My favorite memories of Middlebury are of the beauty of the hills and such fine people to live with." ✳ **Marion Gerling Church** died July 23. A math teacher for many years at Lake George, N.Y., High School and also in Old Forge, she was also a supervisor with New York Telephone Co. A sports enthusiast at Midd, Marion was on the volleyball team all four years, played baseball and hockey, and was active in the Mountain Club and French Club. Memorial notices for Gladys and Marion appeared in the fall issue.

—Class Secretary: *Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

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Marian Hewes McKenney, who enjoys her apartment in Little Falls, N.Y., is active in the National Organization of Christian Women. Like many of us her lifestyle has slowed somewhat, but she does meet with friends every week for Bible study. A son also lives in her town; her nine grandchildren are located in many places. ✳ I called **Field Winslow**, who lives in Warren, N.J., and asked him what he's doing these days. His immediate response: "I'm a lazy loafer." He said that he misses all his old buddies and no longer plays tennis because his friends with whom he played have died. I also asked if he keeps up with any of our classmates. There was a tinge of humor in his response: "No, I'm a lousy correspondent." ✳ **Helen Cosenza Chase** was thoughtful to send me a note: "My news is that I have moved to a smaller apartment, still at Kendal. I am well and able to keep up with friends and activities." ✳ **Sid Luria** and wife Irene spend their winters at Highland Beach on the East Coast of Florida. In the spring they return to their home in Waterbury, Conn. Their lifestyle means he plays golf just about year-round. ✳ **Janet Randall Morgan** and I had the good fortune to spend time together at her home in Charlestown, R.I., in September. It was a special visit for us both and we didn't lack for conversation!

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

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A native of Northampton, Mass., **Eleanor Caldwell** adopted New Orleans as her home many years ago. A retired oil company geologist and veteran hurricane watcher, she left New Orleans—carrying just her purse, her house keys, and a small satchel—with a friend the day before Hurricane Katrina hit. Her nephew and niece picked her up in Birmingham, Ala., and brought her to her nephew's home in Massachusetts. Her home survived the hurricane, but she reports that it could be weeks or months before she gets back in her house. When she returns, she hopes to reunite with friends and fellow members of the St. George Episcopal Church in New Orleans. We hope that she is safely home by the time you read this news. ✳ **Bertha Waite Markland** has moved to an apartment in Rockridge Retirement Community. Her address is Rockridge, #202, 37 Coles Meadow Rd., Northampton, MA 01060 (phone 413-587-0234). She likes her new quarters very much and says the food is great. Oh, oh, watch the pounds! ✳ **Gertrude Bittle Murray** fell, broke her hip, and ended up in the hospital. Fortunately, husband **Tom Murray** and daughter Martha Murray Lavallee '71 provide her with tender, loving care, so she is in good hands. We wish her a speedy recovery. ✳ **Helen "Pat" Brewer Chadwick**'s granddaughter, Melissa, recently received her doctorate in physical therapy from Simmons. After her internship, she would like to go to Colorado. As I spoke to Pat, she was baking apple crisp to serve to the two tables of bridge coming to her home that afternoon. ✳ **Louise Roberts Avery** no longer drives, but she gets plenty of help from the three family households near her in Fairlee, Vt. Her only granddaughter, Jennifer, is a student at Montana State Univ. Their inn in Fairlee is very busy with business seminars, in addition to regular guests, and they were full up for the leaf season. Every Wednesday Louise goes out for lunch with friends. Sometimes they go to Hanover and sometimes to the Norwich Inn, which the Averys once owned. ✳ Forty-one members of **Ruth Coleman Skinner**'s family met for a family picnic at the home of her oldest grandson, who carries the name of his grandfather, **Raymond Skinner**. He works at Sylvania and lives in Towanda, Pa. There was plenty of room for everybody, and they had a great time. ✳ **Roger Thompson** lives alone and takes advantage of the meals offered as sales inducements by stock companies and retirement homes. He also drives to visit his son and daughter, both of whom live less that 100 miles away. ✳ **Thor** and **Carol Miner Gustafson** have recovered from their strenuous graduation and wedding activities. Thor still enjoys the yard work at their home, so they will stay there for the nonce. ✳ **Harriett Barnes Ball**'s brother died in August and was buried in the family plot in Saxton's River, Vt. They always had a huge garden but, due to her brother's illness, this summer the garden consisted of three tomato plants—much to his amusement. Harriet will return to Nanuet for the winter, but is not quite sure of her future plans. ✳ **Irene Fernandez Anderson** and **Jeanette Olson Gould** both enjoy watching the golf channel, so we had a great time discussing players—men and women—and especially Tiger Woods. Irene took up bridge not long ago and really enjoys it. She says she keeps well by taking the old Vermont remedy of two teaspoons of cider vinegar and two teaspoons of honey daily. She feels great, so we all might as well try it. Can't hurt. More Vermont wisdom can be found in the book *Vermont Folk Medicine*. ✳ **Olive Holbrook Nagle** is doing well in her assisted living quarters in Washington, D.C. Students from the various local colleges give concerts and lectures that are enjoyable (the music more than the lectures, according to Olive).

Before Katrina, Eleanor Caldwell '39 left New Orleans with her purse, house keys, and a small satchel.

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There has been a great dearth of material for our column. I'm happy to correlate and report, but I do need some material to work with. My ability to fabricate interesting news is quite limited, unlike some of our present-day journalists. Please take pen in hand and send me any material that will be of interest to your classmates—anecdotes, accounts of undergraduate times, philosophical thoughts about education, Middlebury and its direction, etc. ✳ Our thanks to **R.C. Anderson** for coming across with the following: "In 1936 upon entering Middlebury, I came upon 'two roads that diverged in a yellow wood.' One led to chemistry. The other 'just as fair' was American literature. I made a career of the first, aided and abetted by an exceptional science faculty which was unsung and remains unheralded. I had Charlotte Moody in English Com. With her 'in your face' style, she with fairness and discipline raised a proper sweat in me. The great awakening came in the person of Reginald Lansing Cook. I found an avocation, unfettered, joyous and enduring. 'Doc' Cook, a latter day transcendentalist, walked along the Otter as Thoreau had along the Assabet. He brought back images as of the moon, of the Big Sur and Robinson Jeffers. He queried me, knowing of that other road, about the photoelectric effect for which Einstein received a Nobel Prize. The immersion was complete. Summers I worked as a salad chef at Bread Loaf. My contact with feckless Robert Frost came in the form of how he wanted his vinaigrette to be made and served. Harry Owen, he a living proof of the sweet '20s and flappers, Fitzgerald and West Egg, once lent me his car. I promptly dented the fender. It cost $20.00 to repair, which was exactly my monthly wage. Do not tell me in mournful numbers that American literature is but an empty dream. Rather it is the English Department that needs attention. Separate, for the moment the language from the literature. Start courses, or refurbish them if they exist, in Irish, Welsh, Scottish literature. Field trips, for the first two at least, could be made to the Otter Creek microbrewery, which happens to be one of the best around. As an example of sturdy expository English and the origins of the scientific revolution, offer copies of Michael Faraday's *Chemical Manipulation*. As to English literary criticism and analysis, I doubt that Wilson or Roth Bellows would have given a damn. Deconstruction has as much bearing on the American, Irish, Welsh, etc., literature as String Theory has on experimental nuclear physics. That heavy stuff is best pursued by doctoral candidates. Telling this with a sigh to the powers that be, I suggest ice, which is also great and would suffice." ✳ **Martha Elliott** reported as she was about to travel to Ohio to visit relatives. There is, in her family, a tradition of an extended family gathering at which the major formal activity is making apple butter. The apple butter making is really the excuse for a great family reunion. The whole process is done in traditional manner, utilizing a large 20-gallon copper kettle, a family recipe that includes a gallon of apple cider, six silver dollars in the bottom of the kettle, and bushels of peeled, cored and sliced apples and spices boiled together until they reach the beautiful brown color and flavor associated only with apple butter. It is stirred almost constantly with a wooden rake made especially for the purpose. The whole process is done in the traditional manner of our ancestors, with similarly tasty results. A few years ago one of the family suggested that there should be a song to go with the apple butter making. Martha obliged, writing lyrics and com-

posing music, thus utilizing her training in both English and music. Our thanks to Martha for contributing the lyrics for her song (copyright October 2003, Martha Elliott), *It's October,* that follow: "It's October, it's apple butter time;/At the Edwards' it's apple butter time./The sunlit hills are touched with cold/And blaze with orange, red and gold./It's autumn, it's apple butter time./It's October, we've come from all around,/At the kettle we hear the happy sound/Of voices in the open air,/Rejoicing in the beauty there!/It's autumn, it's apple butter time./We are grateful for bounty we have shared./For the apples we've cut and cored and pared./We thank you, Lord, for blessings giv'n,/For granting us this bit of heav'n!/We thank you, for apple butter time!"

—Class Secretary: *Dr. Loring W. Pratt (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Lawrence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.*

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It's good to report that co-secretary **Roger Griffith** is doing well since triple bypass surgery in August. He gets in two walks a day and feels stronger each time. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from his classmates. Just a card would do. ✷ **Hope Smith Marshburn** is comparing herself to an old car: "You get one thing fixed and something else breaks down!" But she's "out and about, thanks to good friends and family." ✷ **Mary Stetson Farquhar** appreciated the AC during summer's hot weather. Several of her children live nearby. She was in touch with her college roommate, **Betty Wolfington Hubbard-Ovens**. ✷ **Edith Grimm Miller** had a delightful summer in New Hampshire, then reveled in the quiet for a month after the summer people left. Entertaining "two real Southern ladies" who had never been in the North, she feared they might find it too primitive, but "they just loved it." She is involved in many activities when she returns to her apartment outside Atlanta. ✷ The sympathy of the class goes to **Adele Marshall Phinney**, whose husband of 63 years passed away in January 2005. For news of her son, George Jr. '68, turn to the 1968 column. Grandson Brian, who co-captained the champion Middlebury hockey team, graduated in May and is now playing professional hockey in Sweden. ✷ With her wrist now healed, **Jane Skillman Sara** is back running the gift shop and knitting sweaters, trying to keep up with the demand. Handmade pillows are now popular items. A friend arranged a trip for them in the fall to San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, and Reno. She hoped to get together at reunion with **Peg Wiley Thomson**, who reports that she's "still going strong with my Golden Blue Ribbon Singers (30 men and women seniors)—92 rehearsals and concerts from September to June!" ✷ **Connie Girard Brown**'s daughter is hoping to take her to reunion. Connie has been undergoing many tests for eye trouble. She's enjoying Storrs Lee's books, as well as *Father Went to College* and *Not Faster Than a Walk.* We recalled that we never realized until years later that we graduated from the Women's College at Middlebury and not Middlebury College. ✷ **Debbie Mayo Beattie** is keeping well and has no complaints. She enjoys the East Circle Reading Group. ✷ **Jean Emmons** reports some leg pain, making sleeping a problem. However, she still enjoys her "porch flower garden." ✷ After Christmas, a cousin of **Harriet Hull Boland** was driving her to her Palm Beach, Fla., home. Suffering from a virus that requires rest, Harriet hasn't been very active. Her son has moved from New Jersey to Clearwater, Fla. ✷ **Charlene Miller Karr** didn't get to Maine this summer, due to preparation for cataract surgery. However, she and a friend planned to get there for a day trip in October. Her two daughters and her son live in the Colchester area. She said that **Bill Littlehale** continues to enjoy drama and has been performing a humorous monologue locally. ✷ **Becky Becker Elefante** had a lovely visit with her daughter in Lewes, Del. She inquired about the Vermont Symphony, reminding me that she played in it when she was in college. She has decided it would be too much trouble to move into a smaller apartment. ✷ After 30 years in Massachusetts, **Nicky Bory Decker** and her husband retired to Newton, near Charlotte, N.C. She has a pacemaker. Her husband keeps busy with computer and e-mail. Her daughter and son both live in the Atlanta area, where they have seven grandchildren. Nicky keeps in touch with **Ruth Carpenter Donnell**. ✷ After Hurricane Rita, **Peg Waller Glazier** reported they were without electricity for two days, but had little damage. The new roof remained securely in place! Their son creates wind farms "all over the country." ✷ **Babs Warren Loftus** was in the skilled nursing unit of her retirement community after breaking her hip. She was scheduled to go into assisted living, but they they also discovered a hairline fracture of her wrist. Son David is around during the week; daughter Lydia was coming from San Antonio in October. ✷ While spending a week with her daughter in Alaska, Jamen (**Frances Jane Hayden Trask**) fell and broke her wrist, requiring several weeks of physical therapy. She plays lots of bridge, but had to give up her volunteer jobs for the time being. ✷ **Jean Connor** has given a number of readings from her book of poetry, *A Cartography of Peace*, including participation in Burlington's first Literary Festival: "What pleases me most is that the poems seem to have appeal across the generations. A number of readers have come back to buy additional copies for family members and friends. It's fun and humbling to become a published author at 85." ✷ After attending their first granddaughter's wedding in Palo Alto, Calif., Westie (**Helen West Burbank**) and Jack enjoyed a trip to Santa Barbara with son Doug and his wife. ✷ Last spring Shaubie (**Margaret Shaub**) spent 12 wonderful days in France on a Grand Circle Tour. Starting in Provence, she followed the North Rhone and Soane Rivers for a week, then traveled by bus through Burgundy, ending up in her "beloved Paris." ✷ Shaubie, Westie, and Packy (**Ruth Packard Jones**) attended the annual Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Load in September. Westie is head class agent, Packy is secretary, and Shaubie is the social chairman for our 65th reunion. Also in September, **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker**, **Jean Connor**, and Packy met Westie in Brandon to enjoy lunch in a new French restaurant. ✷ Just a reminder that your contribution to the College may be designated for the Class of 1941 Memorial Fund. Best wishes for 2006, which will have arrived before you receive this!

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We regret to report the death of **Charles Morse** on October 22, 2005. A native of Washington, Conn., he graduated from the Gunnery School there. In World War II, he served aboard the U.S.S. *Iowa* and was the first naval aviator to land in Tokyo Bay after the defeat of the Japanese. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, he worked as an architect both in private practice and at the Connecticut Department of Public Works. The condolences of the class are extended to his wife, Carolyn, and all the family.

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Secretary Doe reports: We (Bill and I) attended the wedding of Bill's granddaughter in Jackson Hole, Wyo., last June. Besides the wedding festivities, another high point was a white-water raft trip with enough rough water to knock us off our seats along the way. ✷ **Jan Hooker Laine** recently went on a group trip to South Africa with 20 people from Cape Cod: "It was the most awesome and wonderful trip I have taken so far—and I have been to many places. I may have been the oldest one on the trip, but I could climb on and off the jeep as well as any of them." Although she has macular degeneration problems in her left eye, Jan is optimistic: "I have one good eye, so I can still drive and I can still read. Let us hope it stays that way. I still garden, still love the movies, still love to read, but don't cook much (ha-ha). My four kids are all fine, as are my four granddaughters." ✷ **Anne Willis** reports that she is fine—other than nursing the cracked rib she acquired when trying to move an air conditioner in last summer's heat. Despite the rib, however, she continues to volunteer, enjoys bridge club, and walks most everywhere she needs to go. Anne keeps in touch with Middlebury roommate **Barbara Roberts Ormsby**. Barbara would enjoy hearing from us at her new address: Meadow Ridge Health Center, Meadow Ridge Rd., Redding, CT 06896. ✷ **Marty Newton Van Gaasbeck** is still golfing, although she has been nursing a back problem lately. Marty had a nice time on Nantucket this summer with her daughter. She will not go to Florida this winter, because the hurricanes have changed things enough to spoil it for her. Sharing news of harvest in our apple country brought a reminder that she grew up on a dairy farm and is well aware of farming problems past and present. ✷ We passed along Marty's comment to **Chick Johnson Doe** over lunch recently. Chick's only comment was that she is still hanging in there, despite her own and the farm's problems. ✷ Our heart-felt sympathy is with **Elizabeth Brigham Barrett**, whose husband Fred died on April 23, 2005. Brig's daughters all live out of state, but she's glad to have four sons living close. We wish her the best. ✷ Secretary Gale reports with sorrow the death of **Russ Dale** on August 10, 2005. Russ was a quiet, competent, dependable person with a delightful sense of humor. He contributed much to his country, college, and especially to the community of Longmeadow, by his public service. The class was fortunate to have had him as a member. A message of condolence has been sent to his wife, **Margaret Dounce Dale**, known to us as "Bounce." ✷ We must also report the death of **John Kalajian** in Camden, Maine, on September 30, 2004. He had been in a Camden nursing facility, close to son Peter and his family, allowing visits almost daily by grandchildren and other relatives. ✷ **Dumont Rush** is enjoying the many advantages of retirement in Middlebury. He and Peggy are no longer raising puppies as Seeing Eye dogs, but still provide a home for some of the retired mothers of those puppies. ✷ From Winter Haven, Fla., **Don Gale** reports that he and his wife are well. One son is an M.D. in general practice in

Golden, Colo. Another son, trained as an orthopedist, suffered an accident which made it impossible for him to continue in surgery; he's now a hospital administrator. Their third son is a musician and teacher of music. ✳ As of late September, **Ann Cole Byington** was making a slow but steady recovery from emergency abdominal surgery. Husband **Bob Byington** remains well. ✳ Now nearly retired from the insurance business, **Bruce George** handles the music for the Troy (Ohio) Skating Club, is a bass singer with the Dayton Philharmonic Chorus, is president of the Troy mayor's money raising concert, and is involved with the Dayton Philharmonic Band & Chorus's International Festival of Nations—which recently drew some 4,000 people. All this in spite of having had a knee replacement and two coronary angioplasties in recent years. ✳ Phil '42 and Betty Blanchard Robinson '42 visited **Harry Walsh** in Waldoboro, Maine, last summer; they report that Harry is doing well. ✳ **Lew Haines** still plays a little tennis and says that he can return any ball that's within three feet of him. He's still disappointed that he wasn't able to complete the ascent of Chilkoot Pass last year—but he did conquer Mt. Washington the previous year. ✳ **Bill Small**, now retired as a deacon in the Diocese of Providence, still officiates at wakes and baptisms, and occasionally helps the local priest at services. He enjoys writing and has over 30 pieces published in magazines such as *Yankee*. He reports that wife Bernadette is in fine health. ✳ As of October, Jean and **Bill Hawkes** were planning a two-week visit to Morocco. Bill didn't mention any recent bike races on Mt. Washington. ✳ As you will recall, a small booklet of poems by **Dorothy Forsythe Dale** was made available at the time of our 50th reunion, thanks largely to the efforts of Dutch DePodwin '44. This publication earned her the title of Poet Laureate of our class. Since Dorothy's death in July 2003, a more complete volume of her work has been lovingly assembled and published by her family and friends. Entitled *My Special World: Poems and Photographs of Dorothy Forsythe Dale,* the book is available for $19.95 from her husband, Jack Dale (161 Sanford Ave., Clinton, NY 13323).
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We are sorry to report the death of **M. Ruth Green** in late September. A lifelong resident of White Plains, N.Y., Ruth was reference librarian at the public library there, where (as she wrote in our 50th reunion book, with her usual dry humor) she "found answers to questions and ran through the stacks for 32 years." ✳ We were among those in our class who received a long and remarkable letter from **Dorothy Burton Skardal**. She declared that it would be her final letter to friends and family. After the death of husband Olav, and in declining health herself, she decided it was time to review for her children and friends the main events of her unusual life, from her childhood in Omaha, Neb., through her struggle to gain an education, first at Middlebury, then Radcliffe, and finally her Ph.D. at Harvard. It was at Harvard that she met and married Olav. She then moved to live permanently in Norway. She never regretted the move, she wrote: "I think I've had a much more interesting life here, and done more important work as a teacher and scholar, than I could have if I'd lived all my life in the USA." She ends her letter: "And live well, wherever you are." ✳ In June and July, **Herb Taylor** received two honors from the board of supervisors of Fairfax, Va., in recognition of his long volunteer service to many organizations in the county. The citations noted his outstanding achievement as representative of his district in a variety of civic associations, particularly those related to community service and mental health. ✳ When we asked **Bill Neale** via e-mail about his latest travel news, he responded: "Our last trip was to California for a week or so. Our trip back convinced me that I didn't want to do it again. Only 350 miles, but—almost all desert driving—it seemed like 1,000 miles." We think his reflections echo those of a lot of us! ✳ **Paul Davis** wrote in the fall: "Nearing the end of the third year that Janet Townsend Roberts '45 and I have shared an apartment at the Acorn Glen assisted living facility in Princeton." ✳ We will report that **Neil** and **Marylu Graham Atkins** and their whole family enjoyed the July wedding of grandson Jon Ryan on the beach on Peakes Island in Casco Bay, Portland, Maine. After the wedding, granddaughter Katie visited us, along with her husband, Jeff, and children Makayla (3) and Tyler (1). In September we attended the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf and took a little time off to drive down to the campus, alive with students engaged in all kinds of activities. Great fun! Just a gentle reminder: If you want more news, send it to us!
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Afterthoughts on our 60th reunion last June, reported by Secretary Wolfley: That fantastic view east from the steps of Mead Chapel toward the Green Mountains is no more; the trees along the steep walkway leading to the Chapel have grown in all directions, blocking that awe-inspiring scene. ✳ Your secretaries were invited to a pre-reunion campus luncheon. Our request for specifics as to location elicited this reply: "It's on the third floor of McCullough. You might remember it as the site of Midd's first natatorium." Our reply: "Young lady, we only knew it as 'the gym.' " Has Middlebury grown? You bet! ✳ Warm weather in Vermont in June, mostly welcomed by us all, brought swarms of black flies; no golf. ✳ Couldn't avoid noticing that the list of obits occurring since our 55th was, unfortunately, quite a bit longer than the list of reunion attendees at our 60th. At last count, there remained only 127 of us on the class roster. ✳ Our interesting speakers, mostly Midd profs., were far better than our evening dining arrangements in massive Proctor Hall main dining room. Since we were a mere band of 20 participants, it was a tad lonely. ✳ How proud all the class should be after winning yet another award for our contributions to the Alumni Fund. ✳ There were numerous comparative discussions on retirement homes. And, though hearing aids were in evidence, and repeats sometimes necessary, it in no way diminished our spirits. ✳ In other news, **Mike Mann** is slowly recovering from recent hip replacement surgery. A slow process, Mike reports, which prevented his reunion attendance. ✳ **Phyllis Reed Mott** was sorry to miss our 60th, but says she was thinking of us. She invites classmates passing through her area (just east of the Garden State Parkway, exit 82, in New Jersey) to "stop by and enjoy the old homes and all the boats." Numerous projects keep her busy, as well as pet therapy activities at nursing homes, libraries, and two area hospitals: "My two golden retriever therapists and my Cavalier KC spaniel 'in training' let me accompany them on visits and keep me company at home." ✳ **Richard Merrill** sent his "best wishes to Middlebury College for continued success and inspiration! My time at Midd was limited to pre-World War II and post-war (January to August 1946). The people I knew graduated at different times or withdrew to other colleges—or else are on the lost list. But I remember President Moody and daily chapel and President Stratton." ✳ **Kenneth Moore** showed up in the *Bennington Banner,* fishing for trout, none the less. A June 27 article described a fishing venture for vets at a stocked pond on the veterans home property. Ken reeled in some nice trout, while reminiscing with a reporter about the war and his time at Middlebury. ✳ **Dottie Laux O'Brien** was tuned in to "Across the Fence" on WCAX-TV (Burlington, Vt.) recently when she realized that **Patricia DeLearie Haufler**'s husband, Hervie, was being interviewed. During World War II, the U.S. Army Signal Corps sent Hervie to England where he was assigned to the British program for intercepting and breaking encoded radio communications of the Axis powers. Later on he began to research and study the story of Allied codebreaking and has come out with two books, *Codebreakers' Victory* and *The Spies Who Never Were* (Penguin New American Library, 2003 and 2006 respectively). The Hauflers are living at Wake Robin in Shelburne, Vt. ✳ That's the news for this issue. We wish more of you who are "alive and vertical" would let us know what you're doing, feeling, thinking, etc. We will even accept reports on operations, medical disorders, political opinions, old achievements, honors received, books read or written, reminiscences. Remember your secretaries are getting old along with each one of you. Just pause to reflect on this: Can you imagine how much more interesting these pages would be if we could say something about you! Don't be modest about your life, views, achievements and successes.
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Congratulations, members of the Class of 1946! At the Alumni Leadership Conference, held at the Bread Loaf campus September 16–18, 2005, our class received the prestigious Robert W. Leonard '37 Memorial Award, given to the class with the highest participation in Annual Giving in a non-reunion year. The award has been given annually since 1980. Accepting the award were our stalwart class agents, **Lois Brigham Selnau** and **Phyllis Faber Warren.** They done good! We all done good! Can we do better next year as a reunion year? We can hope. On that same weekend, there was an impromptu mini-reunion when the Selnau car, the Warren car, and the Percival car all gathered at the same time by sheer chance at a small gas station in Rochester, Vt., while everyone was on their way home. ✳ Pete and **Cynthia Proud Jennings**, of Delanson, N.Y., now have seven grandchildren, a college graduate on down to elementary school. On Labor Day weekend, they hosted a family reunion with 102 (!) persons in attendance. It was a grand event indeed, even if they were still washing dishes three weeks later. Cinnie says that they manage to keep several local doctors gainfully employed and, if the MD's have done their jobs correctly, the Jennings will celebrate our 60th reunion in June.

(And so should you.) ✳ **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom** has a new address: 106 Farragut Way, #138, Kennebunk, ME 04043. Mary Elizabeth is still very active in the American Guild of Organists and is also a freelance music critic and feature writer. ✳ **Joan Campbell Shaw** e-mails us that she and Doug visited Mary Elizabeth and Everett at their new condo recently. On their way back to Vermont, they stopped for a nice lunch with **Barbara Flink Ewels**, who presently lives in Stoddard, N.H. ✳ In Newton Center, Mass., **Benjamin Cohen** is playing bridge, enjoying grandchildren, and working out daily at a nearby gym. As evidence that his brain is still operating on all eight cylinders, he and his wife head to Florida every year during the New England winter. ✳ Frank and **Joanne Davis Hohmeister** traveled together with their three sons and families to Tallahassee, Fla., in July to attend the wedding of a grandson. A joyous occasion, albeit a little on the warm side. ✳ Ed and **Alice Thorn Laquer** have been busy traveling in the U.S. to such wonders as Bryce National Park and Zion National Park, as well as to Las Vegas for a Laquer family reunion. ✳ Alan and **Janet Kasper Taylor** traveled last summer to Alaska for a marvelous journey on a ship around this great state. (Yes, Janet, Alaska is more than twice as large as Texas.) They were accompanied by their three children and spouses. At the school where Janet is a substitute teacher, she was honored on her recent 80th birthday with a party, a cake, a gift certificate, and cards signed by all the faculty. This was the first time the school had acknowledged the work of a substitute teacher in such a manner. ✳ After so many years, we were thrilled to receive both a telephone call and a letter from **Reginald Goddard.** Since leaving college, he has not strayed far from Vermont, running a transportation company in Fair Haven for more than 58 years. He sold the business in 1998. Reg and his wife, who passed away several years ago, have two sons. He reports that he gets up every morning with nothing to do and goes to bed at night with only half of it done. A good retirement life. ✳ From Redding, Conn., **Marie Scudder Dix** reports that she and husband Bob moved to a retirement community about three years ago. They're still close enough to New Canaan to stay in touch with their many friends, and are close enough to NYC to enjoy frequent concerts and museums. They have traveled to visit family in California, Montana, and in the Boston area. ✳ **Ross** and **Vava Stafford Brown** have a new address: 2419 Emerald Lake Dr., #108, Sun City Center, FL 33573. They are enjoying their new lifestyle very much, making many new friends and getting involved with several community activities. ✳ **Barbara Carey Goodman** has moved to Shelburne, Vt., from her previous home in Saint George, Vt. ✳ Word has been received from the College of the passing of four of our classmates: **Barbara Townsend Brown** in April, **William Edwards** in February, **Alyce Gurzeler** in April, and **Barbara Meyer Rodney** in December of 2004. The class sends its condolences to all of their families.

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As I write this column, the busy summer months are over and the holiday season is rapidly approaching. It will already be January when you read these words! So if you have not already sent a holiday card to your secretary, please take a moment to send along a few words about your recent activities. Your classmates will appreciate it. ✳ We have wonderful news to report of **George Martin**, our friend who attended Middlebury with us for three semesters through the V-12 program. (He received his degree from Lehigh Univ. in 1948 and became a rocket propulsion engineer with Thiokol Corp.) George was married to Marilyn Dunn at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Middlebury on June 11, 2005. The newlyweds are residing in Williston, Vt. We send them our most sincere congratulations. ✳ Another V-12 classmate, **Victor Springer** and wife Ann "spent a week in May with church seniors at the amazing Gleanings for the Hungry event in Sultana, Calif. During a 13-week time frame, about 445,000 pounds of dried fruit were prepared for distribution to the world's hungry!" ✳ As for myself, I drove up to New Harbor, Maine, and we spent all of July and August there, enjoying especially fine weather this year. This fall I was invited to attend the special "AN GORTA MOR" exhibition of sculptures and paintings about the Irish famine of 1845 to about 1850. This collection of artwork is at Quinnipiac Univ., in Hamden, Conn. Sculptor John Behan, of Galway, spoke to the group and traced more of the history and impact of that disaster.

Reg Goddard '46 gets up in the morning with nothing to do; goes to bed with only half of it done.

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Secretary Ness reports: This has been the most rewarding quarter yet: Of the nine personal notes sent, five classmates responded—and quickly. Bless you all! Let's hope the next several people I write to can beat that record. ✳ In response to my query, **Sally Finley Burton** said that her medical problems are more annoying than serious. She broke her leg in early June and, coupled with severe back pain, this hampered her summer activities. She was looking forward to resuming her normal schedule in September—which, a reliable source tells me, includes some outstanding volunteer work. ✳ **Kit Spaulding Ragone** and husband Dave were leaving September 2 for Paris and Gstaad for Roy Emerson's tennis "camp" (Palace Hotel), Chamonix and La Pere Bise sur Lac d'Annecy. This is a follow-up to a summer doing the Super Senior Tennis Tour in New England (over 75). Kit says she "tags along and enjoys watching tennis, eating and drinking well, and meeting congenial people." ✳ **Ann Clarke Curley** continues to be involved in local and county Democratic Party affairs, although her activities have been curtailed somewhat since having a stroke five years ago. A member in good standing of the League of Women Voters, she recently served as treasurer of the Mainstream Loudoun group (in support of separation of church and state). She and husband Bob continue to live in the "almost country" area of northern Virginia, with lots of flora and fauna. ✳ Still living in their White Plains house, James '47 and **Iris Forst Brucks** frequently find themselves in NYC, attending concerts, plays, etc. Iris had a hip replacement a year ago, but is back playing golf. In between golf and some community service, she has become an avid duplicate bridge player. She sees **Kathy Rapp Nathan** occasionally, at which time they catch up on family news. ✳ **Joan L'Episcopo Muset** is knitting for local hospitals, playing bridge, and recently enrolled in courses on the crusades and medieval history. She also claims to nap daily, after completing all of the above! ✳ Secretary Nourse reports: Jolly **Dick Caswell** and his wife attended the Alumni Leadership Conference, along with 176 other people. It was held at the Bread Loaf Conference Center from September 16-19. Dick and I represented the class of '48. ✳ I finally caught up with **Fred Johnston**, who has moved from Pinehurst, N.C., to Southern Pines (1 Village Green, Zip code 28387). As his wife, Louise, experienced worsening problems from Alzheimer's disease, she is now in the Alzheimer Memory Care Assisted Living Center at Oakdale Heights in Pinehurst. Fred had given up golf completely for the last three years, as he would not leave her alone. He did attend the U.S. Open at Pinehurst this year and noted that the course is close to 20 yards longer than the same course was back in 1999. I quote him: "Oh, Well!"

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As of September 9, 2005, **Tom Duff** reports he has "moved to a wonderful independent living community called Copley Woodlands, located in Stowe, Vt. Drop me a line (125 Thomas Ln., #201, Stowe, VT 05672) or stop by some time. I now have a hearing impaired phone—so when you call, I will be able to speak to you." ✳ **William H. von Dreele** informs us that he is "still ambulatory and hanging in there." He closes his note with *"Où sont les neiges d'antan?"* [As of course we all know, this is the closing line from *Ballade des dames de temps jadis,* a poem by 15th-century French poet Francois Villon.] Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the snows of yesteryear, please let Bill know. ✳ With this column, we are pleased to welcome **Bob Whittier** as a co-secretary. Keep in touch with your secretaries and let your classmates know where you are and what you're up to!

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Secretary Porter reports: As your new class secretaries, we would like you to know that we did not accept this assignment to preside over the decimation of the Class of 1950. Accordingly, no one is permitted to die for the next five years. So, be well and do your best. ✳ During an excursion on Lake Sunapee this summer **Bruce Burdett** told us a story that needs to be repeated for all to hear in its entirety. So Bruce agreed to write the story for this column: "I was out on our deck one afternoon, enjoying a fine September day, when an open convertible pulled into our driveway. A man got out, came up onto the deck, and stood before me. He

was a total stranger, though I suspected that he was one of our new neighbors whom I was supposed to know but didn't. Smiling bemusedly, he asked, 'Did you ever hear of a Bentley Westchester Choate?' I was dumbfounded! Bentley Choate was a fictitious character whom I had invented back in 1949 in a series of studies I had written for the *Middlebury Campus*. The series was entitled 'A Gallery of College Types,' and Bentley was the archetypal prep school boy. My mysterious visitor was none other than Dick Davis '51. We had not known each other at Middlebury and had not met since. It turns out that he and his wife were looking at real estate in our area and he remembered our address from the class notes—for which my wife, **Margaret Stearns Burdett**, was a class secretary for a number of years. I asked Peg to come out and Dick's wife, Kay, came up and joined us, and we shared Middlebury anecdotes, both comical and poignant, for a halcyon hour or so. And there's an anticlimax. For years I've been chuckling at a photo in the 1950 Middlebury yearbook of a guy in bathing trunks sitting in a pool of running water up at the Cascades. In one hand he holds a book, and in the other is a can of beer. In his mouth is a cigarette, and he is wearing large sunglasses. The caption reads, as some of you may recall, 'What do I know about Spinoza?' I had never known who this person was, but now I do. It was the same Dick Davis '51, who now sat with us on our deck! Wonders, as we all well know, will never cease, especially among Mother Middlebury's Chickens." Thanks for sharing this tale, Bruce. I remember with pleasure the other college types Bruce wrote about in 1949 in the *Campus*, including Horace Abernathy Hornrim, "Yutch" O'Shaughnessy, Rhett Schmaltz, Wilco Immelmann, and Tucker Schwanzbrecker. I was particularly fond of Reeve Gauche, that Parisian *flâneur*, given my unending struggle to learn French. ✳ I finally reached **Bill McKinley**, who was not in Houston at the time of Hurricane Rita. Here is Bill's report: "After Rebecca Belisle Baute '49 died while with me in Houston in February 2005, I returned to Keene, N.H., for her memorial service and for the summer. Rebecca and I felt deeply grateful and blessed these past four years that our first love, while students at Middlebury, was renewed 50 years later. Through Rebecca, I met many new friends at the United Church and on the Bretwood Golf Course and I intend to continue returning in the summers to Keene, a pleasant place. In June, at our Middlebury 55th reunion, I enjoyed playing golf with **Irv Meeker** and **Fred Neuberger**. And I was thrilled to see my former roommate, **Phil Porter**, deservedly receive the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Presentation. (A few years earlier, I had seen him receive a similar award from Kimball Union Academy, where we were also roommates.) In August, my Texas children and grandchildren joined me and my Portland, Maine, daughter and family for a family reunion at Old Orchard Beach. It was a fun time and we were pleasantly surprised to discover cousins we didn't know we had!" ✳ Secretary McIlwain reports: **Jane Terpening Hanson**, who lives in Newhall, Calif., with husband Tom, is one of the founders of and a very active member of the local branch of the AAUW. Jane is, in fact, this year's president (a rotating position). She was instrumental in starting a yearly math/science conference for junior high school girls, where presenters from the various fields are invited to speak to the girls in the hope of arousing their interest in these studies. An annual book sale sponsored by this branch raises money to send specially selected girls to "Tech-Trek" summer camp. Tech-Trek is a state-sponsored organization for seventh-grade girls who are sent for a week to various colleges and universities throughout the state, again to further interest in math and science. Jane spoke of having a nice visit with **Barbara Kraft Packer** and her sister, Marcia Kraft Goin '54 (the first woman to be admitted to Yale Medical School). Jane and Tom missed last June's reunion while staying in Seattle with their grandchildren, while their son and his wife looked for a place to live in Italy, where Boeing was sending them for 17 months. ✳ **Jacque Snyder Braddock** reports that she and husband Charlie's home in Virginia is on five acres of land, with 60-foot trees, a fish pond, lots of snakes, and a very active dog. Access to the property, which is located northwest of Fredericksburg, is via dirt road! Jacque is a longtime volunteer in the public library, plays bridge in her spare time. Daughter Linda Hostetler is a garden designer whose work has been featured in *Southern Living* magazine.

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Secretary Hay reports: After many years of living in the East, **Joan Hunter Kent** and her husband decided to look westward. They found a retirement home they couldn't resist and have been living happily in San Diego for the past five years. There is no question which climate they prefer. ✳ **Barbara Pike Prinn** continues to keep a busy schedule. She enjoys working with a remedial program in a local school. As a social worker, Barb has spent many years placing foster children as well as caring for some in her own home. She is happy to be able to take care of husband Ron '52 at home in Claremont, N.H. A former Episcopal minister, he is now dealing with Parkinson's disease. When contacted in fall, they were looking forward to taking part in their youngest son's wedding in October. ✳ **Ellie Hoepli Didriksen** is no novice in adjusting to life in different locations. As a young person she lived for over five years in Paris and 2 1/2 years in Switzerland. Her father came to America from Switzerland in 1937, became a U.S. citizen, and established his family here. In later years, Ellie, husband Caleb, and their four children settled in Wellesley, Mass., and lived there for 25 years before moving to New Hope, Pa. They all loved the old house they inherited, with happy memories of visiting grandparents there. Poor transportation became a problem as the children grew older and scattered. The parents moved to Illinois to be near some of them. Their major project at present is sorting through the accumulation of the years—a challenge with which many of us can identify! ✳ **Helen Guernsey Bates** writes: "I finally 'went grey' in honor of my first great-grandchild, Abby Ockerman, of Cheyenne, Wyo. Ten grandkids are scattered all over. I continue snowbirding from Seattle to my home in southern California, close to the community golf course. Thanks to all who remembered Norm after his passing in February 2004." ✳ Secretary DeLaney reports: **Ken Provoncha** informs us that he has moved from Palm Bay, Fla., to Trinity Towers S, Apt 202, 615 E. New Haven Ave., Melbourne, FL 32901. His e-mail address is Midd51@yahoo.com. He reports that he is fine, except for the "usual battle with new mysterious ailments." He's now living reasonably near three of his four children and three of his six grandchildren. The remaining daughter lives in Oklahoma with his other grandchildren. ✳ As usual, our class was well represented at this year's Alumni College, held the first weekend of September up at the Bread Loaf campus. Those attending this 30th anniversary of Alumni College included Joan and **Don Axinn**, **Don** and **Pat Ray Christiansen**, **Bill** and **Phyllis Cole Deming**, and **John** and **Helen Reid Gilmore**. ✳ A couple of weeks after Alumni College, many alumni volunteers from many classes congregated at Bread Loaf for the Alumni Leadership Conference. President Liebowitz and other College luminaries were on hand to brief alums on the latest news from Middlebury. Representing us as class agents this year were **Bob Dibble**, **Ed** and **Jean Maintain Higgins**, **Tom Jacobs**, and **Don Sherburne**. Don received special recognition at an awards banquet for his 15 years of service to Middlebury. ✳ This leads us to the fact that our 55th reunion is coming up this spring, June 2–4, 2006. Helen and John Gilmore are serving as social chairs and we encourage as many of our classmates as possible to plan to attend. We think we can safely say that past reunions have really been enjoyed by all.

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Secretary Cahill reports: Once again making headlines, **Sally Baldwin Utiger** was inducted into the U.S. Tennis Association's Hall of Fame in June. Belated congratulations, Sally! ✳ We must correct a typo in a recent column. **Paula Loughran Zahniser**'s adorable almost-year-old twins are GRANDdaughters, not greats! ✳ **Sharon Locke MacCartney** is at it again, keeping the old Château waitresses in touch. She and **Joyce Greene Wilson**, who was visiting from Seattle this summer, got on the phone and reached **Carol Crane Fitz** in Florida and **Jackie Logan Nye** in New Mexico. After finding them well, they called **Marty Potter Crouse** in Florida and congratulated her and husband Merle on their 50th wedding anniversary. Marty and Merle had all five children plus grandchildren and siblings with them to celebrate. Joyce and Sharon then reached me to share all their news. ✳ Merle and **Marty Potter Crouse** reported 26 family members at the anniversary party planned by their five children. They "gathered for three days at their church camp for fellowship, sports, singing, instrumental music, table games, and a talent show. After Sunday worship, area friends joined us for dinner and a video of photos from our 50 years together." ✳ I had a pleasant visit with Joan and **Bob Woodbury** just before they returned to Colorado after a great summer in Essex, Mass. Bob is still keeping a hand in his business; too young to retire. ✳ Speaking of youth, Secretary Davis reports that **Bill Trask** was back in Middlebury recently. Bill is serving on the MCAA board, where he heads the Student-Alumni Relations Committee. While attending this year's Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf, Bill reportedly paid a visit to Middlebury and received a warm reception at a DJ dance party on campus. When the DJ announced that "Bill Trask, Class of '52, is in the house," Bill was greeted by a loud ovation from the current students, which was followed by a retro-remix of "Rock Around the Clock." The *Middlebury Campus* even picked up on the story,

noting his appearance as a "good point" of the week. Thank you, Bill! ✳ **Al Mutti** reports that he moves around a great deal, because he has homes in Meredith, N.H.; Port St. Lucie, Fla.; Chester, Vt.; and Rowayton, Conn. ✳ **Chuck Rielle** and wife Audrey spent the summer and early fall in New England. In October, they returned to their home in Jupiter, Fla. ✳ **Joe Davis** was the only representative of the class to attend the Annual Gordon Perine '49 Alumni Golf Tournament in September. Still a great event.

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Fall arrived with torrential rainstorms and flooding in the North Country. We hoped that the Otter was minding its p's and q's as it winds the willow! ✳ "Gordie Golf" was held, as usual, the weekend following Labor Day, this year on September 8 and 9. The Class of '53 was well represented, but we did miss some "regulars" who didn't get back this year. We hope they will return in 2006! In the meantime, **Irv Morris**, **Skip Jennings**, **Dick Allen**, **Fuzz Goodwin**, **Norm Armour**, **Ann Golding Davis**, **Crock Beers**, and **Sue Valentine Jennings** had a good reunion, along with spouses and members of other classes in the '50s. The Class of '53 did itself proud in the winners' circle as well! Gordie Golf is a really fun time and it is so beautiful at Midd at that time of year. Dust off your clubs and mark your calendars for the weekend after Labor Day in 2006 and come join us! ✳ **Link Furber** writes: "After more than a year and a half, in July I completed my volunteer work producing a 40-minute video, *Coastal Treasures*, for the nonprofit Boothbay Region Land Trust, here in Maine. It shows most of their 15 beautiful preserves through the four seasons of the year. I shot digital tape from a small airplane, aboard boats, in snowstorms, climbing over icy rocks, on barren islands, and hiking through the glories of the fall woods. This was followed by many weeks of computer editing, done with a professional. Finally we added a wonderful original music track, plus my brief narration for a product that clearly shows how lovely this area of Maine can be throughout the year. It's available on both DVD and videotape cassette through the Land Trust's website (bbrlt.org). My labors (which I enjoyed more than anything I've done in years) resulted in my being named Volunteer of the Year by the Land Trust. All in all, a great experience!" ✳ Joe '52 and **Ann Golding Davis** enjoy New Hampshire skiing in the winter and Massachusetts golf in the summer, as well as spending time with three "grands." Ann's mother, who was turning 100 in December, is still driving, going out for lunch or dinner with great ease, and enjoying her garden and greenhouse! ✳ We'd love to hear from more of you. Just get in touch with either Fuzz or Ann so that we can pass on your news. Or, if you prefer, you can send it directly to the College. Our 55th reunion will be coming up in a few years, so start thinking about your Midd days and get some news in to share with your classmates!

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For 10 years, Baldy Haines '53 has been a cast member in Disney's Animal Kingdom.

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Secretary Nickerson reports: I recently talked to **Barbara Hardy Haines**—for the first time in at least 45 years. Barb ran an elementary school library for many years in Broomall, Pa. About 12 years ago, she and Baldy '53 moved to a retirement community in Haines City, Fla. They're near Winter Haven and Orlando, where Baldy has worked part time for Disney for 10 years. He's been a cast member in the Animal Kingdom—great perks for the five grandkids! Barb and Baldy are still singing in a community chorus and Barb is playing bridge again. I spoke with her at their summer place in Ocean City, N.J. This fall, the old place was coming down and their two sons are building two condos, one of which will be ready for Barb next summer. Barb enjoys being up in the New Jersey-Pennsylvania area every spring. ✳ Secretary Ryan reports: Here in Houston, we were fortunate to receive only a glancing blow from Hurricane Rita; some broken tree branches, some broken windows in downtown buildings, but all in all, only minor inconveniences. To the east of Houston, however, they were not so fortunate. Many small towns set among the tall loblolly pines were devastated as the high winds took the trees down on houses and roads. If you want to live on the Gulf Coast, tropical storms and hurricanes are the price you pay. It's very nice of the rest of you to bail us out (no pun intended), but I'm a little concerned about the precedents being established. ✳ **Marjorie Wallace Cruickshank** lives in Oxford, Mich., about 30 miles north of Detroit. After graduating from Middlebury—"I loved it," she reports. "It was like four years on a creampuff!"—she married, moved to Wyoming and then Montana, had two children, divorced, and moved to Michigan. She earned a master's in education, remarried, and taught in elementary schools for 15 years. She also taught figure skating for nine years. She has acquired a degree in music therapy, which she uses in her work in local nursing homes. Additionally, she's a church organist and pianist, teaches music to 18 piano students, and sings with a classic chorale group. Unfortunately, her husband had been ill for many years and died recently. Our sympathy is extended to Marjorie. She is continuing with her work. Asked about travel, she replied that the closest she gets to an airplane is when she plays the Army Air Force song at the nursing homes! Her sense of humor is still intact! ✳ **Pat McKegney** is retired and lives in NYC and Long Beach Island, N.J., 90 miles south of NYC. (Coincidentally, he and **Marcia Kraft Goin** both attended Yale Medical School and both became psychiatrists.) Pat has spent his career teaching psychiatry at Yale, UVM, Albert Einstein, and other medical schools in the East. With two new hips, five children (three in Vermont), and three grandchildren, all in the Northeast, travel is largely restricted to that area. He returned to Middlebury for our 25th reunion, but has only driven through town since then. ✳ **Dick Chaffin**, who transferred to Harvard at the end of our freshman year (he and I lived in Starr), says that almost all his business is in the international area: "That's the way the business is going." As a management consultant to the eyeglass industry (he sold his interest in a family company about 13 years ago), he has had several recent trips to both Paris and Beijing. China, he said, is not only a good manufacturing area, but also an enormous potential market. He and wife Charlotte have three children: a daughter in Connecticut with twin boys (9); a daughter (a specialist in third world development) in Budapest; and a son in Washington working for AOL. ✳ This has been a difficult year for our class, as we have lost several more classmates. Our condolences are extended to the families of **Jim Casey**, **Eleanor Chapin Cousins**, **Mikko Eklin**, **Bill Fletcher**, **Denny Lyon**, and **Bob Ringer**. Mikko was with us for just one year before returning to his native Finland. Mikko's son, Lauri, wrote to Middlebury of his father's death and the impact that Middlebury had on him: "The year in Middlebury shaped in many ways Mikko's view of the world (it was his first trip abroad, I believe) and later, back in Finland, he became a member of the League of Finnish American Societies. Our family assisted American families (e.g., researchers, academic staff, etc.) when they moved to Finland, helping them to get used to life here. He had fond memories of his long-ago experiences in the U.S." ✳ And for the rest of us, keep those cards and letters coming. Stay active, stay connected!

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Secretary Lamson reports: We are still basking in the afterglow of our 50th reunion. It was wonderful to renew old friendships and memories, and to see the many changes at the College that have taken place since we graduated. Those of you who could not return were indeed missed—we hope to see you in another five years. ✳ **Ed Janeway** writes: "What more could be said about our 50th? GREAT! Would love to receive visitors in quintessential Vermont hill country. Just a stone's throw from the 89-91 interchange at White River Junction en route to or from Middlebury." ✳ **Junie Stringer Decoster**'s outstanding design for our class book cover is being used by the College for the 2007 admissions poster, being sent to all of the high schools in the country. Congratulations, Junie! ✳ **Sally Dickerman Brew** recently returned from 17 wonderful days in Iran with a group traveling with Wilderness Travel. In spite of everyone's reaction—*"Why would anyone want to travel to Iran?*—she found the experience fabulous. Not only did she find the history of the Persian Empire interesting, the palaces and mosques beautiful, and the Muslim country intriguing, but also she discovered that the people were very warm and welcoming. Everywhere she went, people would come up and say how much they loved Americans. She found it amazing that Iran is perceived as a dangerous place to visit when, in fact, it is as safe for a traveler to visit as almost any place else in the world. ✳ **George Limbach** is once again taking charge of the *second* Middlebury '55 Vail ski week, scheduled for February 25 to March 4. At our reunion, 30 enthusiastic skiers signed up. Anyone interested

should contact George for details. Judging from last year's fabulous week of skiing, this is an event not to be missed. Even if you're not a skier, participants can find other fun activities in Vail during the week. ✳ In closing we would like to express the heartfelt gratitude of the class to our predecessors, **Pat Hinman Makin** and **Frank Punderson**, for their years of class notes reporting. Let's keep the tradition alive. Do send us your news and stay in touch!

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Secretary Houghton reports: There has been lots of '56 activity since June, with the 50th yearbook committee meeting in July and again in September to put on the finishing touches. A great cover by **Sally Thomson Clark** and lots of good stuff inside. We hope everyone got their autobiographies in to editor **Wendy Buehr Murphy**. Other book committee members are **Lucy Boyd Littlefield**, **Marita Mower Tasse**, **Helen Starr Ackerman**, **Edward MacDowell**, **Flip Terhune**, **Nancy Marvin Hall**, **Charlotte Duryea Hohl**, **Joan Mackinnon Houghton**, **Julia King**, and **Mona Meyers Wheatley**. A BIG Thanks to all. Yearbooks should be in the hands of all class members by the time these notes are printed. ✳ Twenty class members attended the Alumni Leadership Conference, held at Bread Loaf the third weekend of September. President Liebowitz made a very powerful and interesting presentation on the current state of the College and how he sees the future. Middlebury has great assets and needs to use them to compete for students and provide future world leaders. The next years will be very exciting and a great challenge. ✳ **Ed MacDowell** is back at work as interim athletic director at Greenwich High School. According to a Greenwich newspaper, he's helping out (again) while a permanent director can be found. ✳ Since moving to Hampton, N.H., in 1997, **Sally Gerhart Mitchel** has been affiliated with the Seacoast Artist Association and the Newburyport Art Association. A newsclip informs us that her work has been seen in the Firehouse Gallery and Drake Farm Shows, and in private collections across the country. During the summer, she had an exhibit of her work at the hospital in Exeter, N.H., where she donated a portion of the proceeds of sales to support the Exeter Hospital Associates. ✳ The Timberlock No. 2 outing was quite a bit smaller this year, but lots of fun for all those who attended. Many of the previous year attendees were unable to be there due to another Middlebury event the following weekend; they were unable to make both events. If you missed the photos and article on Timberlock that appeared in the July 2005 issue of *Real Simple* magazine, try to find a copy in your local library. Beautiful story of the lodge and the Catlin family. Barb and **Dick Catlin** are supposedly retired, but they're still in residence with the new owners—son Bruce, wife Holly, and their three children. ✳ **Diane White Matthews** writes that she's looking forward to attending reunion in June. Hope you all are! Keep June 1–4, 2006, open for our 50th!

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Drue Cortell Gensler wrote recently that "Art is having knee replacement surgery. I'm hoping it is a BIG success and rids him of pain (basketball, soccer, rugby, tennis, and golf—in succession!) and will keep him home awhile for a change." Their annual Kauai family New Year's week brought them together with their four sons, four daughters-in-law, and nine grandkids. Granddaughter Aaron is a Middlebury sophomore, living in Starr! Drue and Art have attended many meetings in most of the cities worldwide where Gensler and Associates have offices, ending up in the San Francisco headquarters to celebrate Gensler's 40th year in mid-September. ✳ **Donald Small** has been a prof. of math at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for 14 years. Before that, he taught math at Colby College. He's the author of *Calculus: An Integrated Approach* (McGraw-Hill, 1990) and *Contemporary College Algebra* (McGraw-Hill, 1999).

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Bonnie Mairs retired on July 1, after 35 years with the YMCA's international programs. She continues to work half time on special projects. Last spring she visited YMCAs and the U.S. Embassies in South Africa, Zambia, Kenya, Uganda, and Egypt. ✳ **Mary Nahley Jones** writes that she and husband Rick are "settled into our little corner of North Carolina. It's wonderful to be close to the ocean and to live in a more temperate climate than New England offered." However, she was keeping fingers crossed that hurricanes stay far, far away. ✳ **Don Lawton** and wife Jean recently observed their 45th anniversary. Don continues to work part time at the *Watertown [N.Y.] Daily Times*, where he was a reporter for 12 years and a copy editor for 25 years. Jean retired in 1997 from her nursing career. Don was the 1967 recipient of the Israel Shapiro Award as Watertown's citizen of the year. ✳ **Russ Christensen** took a long walk last spring to protest the war in Iraq. According to the Lewiston (Maine) *Sun Journal*, he was walking to draw attention to his stance that the war has little to do with democracy and more to do with controlling oil reserves in the Middle East. A retired human rights attorney, Russ walked about two miles per hour, collecting roadside trash along the way. ✳ **Dinny Rogers Riegel** writes that she's now living in Cedarburg, Wis.: "Our countryside is very like Middlebury. Still own a Morgan horse and enjoy riding him when I'm able." ✳ **Ann Alvord Groves** traveled by air and ferry to Grand Manan, on the Bay of Fundy, in July. She and **Steffi Eaton** "joined Ralph Smith's watercolour class for six days on the island, where Ralph's 87-year-old, distilled message is 'color is everything!' The more vibrant, the better. The more light and dark placement, the better! It was a poignant gift. Of course, the sea's bounty of scallops, lobsters, halibut, and haddock treated our tummy palettes, too!"

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Architect and sailor **Erika Mimno Brigham** has a special interest in energy efficient design—materials and products as well as alternative "clean" energy and transportation. When living in Newport, R.I., she was a housing rehabilitation supervisor with a nonprofit housing corporation. She has worked as an architectural designer and property manager and recently owned and operated a hotel in Miami Beach, where she now lives. An expert in racing and long-distance sailing, Erika was on the staff of the Americas Cup press headquarters when in Newport, and also on the staff of the annual Singlehanded Transatlantic Race. In addition to her B.A. from Middlebury, she holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Boston Architectural Center. Daughter Hillary Brigham, of Tallahassee, is a horticulturalist. ✳ **Sally Sprague Carr** and husband Doug recently vacationed and did Methodist mission work in Africa, "a life-changing experience." At Africa University in Zimbabwe, Sally worked in the library and Doug assisted staff with their computer technology program. They visited Victoria Falls, Hwang Preserve ("elephants everywhere"), Pretoria, and the island prison where Nelson Mandela spent 20 years. At home, she and her daughter show her keeshond, Scooter. In the fall Sally co-taught a course in women's health, with a fitness trainer and a dietician. ✳ **Ren Curry** quips, "I stopped being called Renny when I grew up—sometime in the '70s, I think." Ren lives 100 yards from the Pacific Ocean in Santa Cruz, known as Surf City USA, 70 miles south of San Francisco on the Monterey Bay. There the ocean water, he writes, "is not as warm as you would think, and even the surfers use wetsuits all year round." After teaching stints at Cornell and MIT, and tours with NASA and private industry, Ren is trying to retire, but his latest company (www.aasi.com) is "making it hard." Ren is a '59 Cane Society representative, so you may hear from him. **Steve Turner** also lives in Santa Cruz. ✳ **Pete Erbe**, who was co-chairing his Hotchkiss 50th reunion in November 2005, reported that 75 percent of his class planned to participate. His comment: "1955 sounds like a *long* time ago." Pete is also vice-chair of the Council for a Family Haven, for homeless families with children. The group has purchased a building opening in January 2006 to house four families; among other activities, Pete is coordinating volunteers. He writes, "My efforts on a daily basis are to impact children in our area: those who have basic needs as well as those who are excelling." He adds that he and reunion co-chair **Carolyn Parks Behr** look forward to having at least 75 percent of the Class of '59 return for our 50th. ✳ **Martha Gerhart** writes: "I enjoyed two weeks in Princeton, N.J., in July with the New Jersey Opera Theater's summer program for singers, and I'll be with the Dallas Opera in January 2006." ✳ During travels in the U.S. with her granddaughter Meigan (13), who lives in France, **Nancy Smoller Le Floch** visited **Nancy McKnight Smith** and **Ann Biggar Prewitt** in D.C., where Ann is director of the Discovery Room of the National History Museum. Nancy and Meigan visited Nancy's son Patrick '88 and his wife, Kerstin Carlson Le Floch '91, then traveled to Colorado, Nebraska, and South Dakota. In Kansas, Meigan had her first ride on a Western saddle. On returning to France they took Nancy's American grandsons, Alexander and Gilbert, with them, for a visit. ✳ Last spring, Pat and **Fred Swan** enjoyed a two-week trip to Japan, visiting Tokyo, Kyoto, Kobe, and Nara. "The cherry trees were in full bloom the

week before we left." ✳ Be sure to visit http://www.middlebury.edu/alumni/class_pages/1959/default.htm, Class of '59's ongoing Web site.
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Bill Stritzler is happily working at his job as owner of Smugglers' Notch Resort, while his outside activities include chair of Vermont Public Television. Bill and Vi have two children, daughter Lisa, who works at Smuggs and lives nearby with husband and two daughters, and son Mark, who lives in Southern California with his two children. Bill writes: "We visited Georgie and **Chuck Taylor** in St. Croix with Tom Davis '58 and wife Marclay. Also had our own mini-reunion at our home in Cambridge, Vt., with Jan and **Steve Young**, Suzie and **John Turner**, and the Davises." ✳ **David Barenborg** is "completely retired and spending a lot of time traveling and playing golf. All four children also living in Seattle, as well as three grandchildren. Spent quality time with the (**Al**) **Quimby**s in Sun Valley and Carefree, Ariz., in 2005." ✳ **Jim Coward** had hoped to attend our reunion, but he and wife Maria celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary (June 7) with a trip to Greece and Southern Italy. He suspects that most of his Middlebury classmates would be surprised that anyone could put up with him for 30 years. Although he has traveled to many parts of the world in connection with scientific meetings, neither he nor Maria, who is of Italian descent, had ever been to Greece or south of Rome. ✳ **Sally Giguere Giglio** couldn't attend reunion either, because she was on a trip to Alaska. Since retirement in '01 from her position as school psychologist at Amherst High School, Dick and Sally have had many wonderful adventures. They travel to Spain, Portugal, Italy, France, Belgium, China, and to Mexico each year with family and friends. They still enjoy skiing and sailing, but are not quite as quick to get back on their feet after wipeouts. After raising two daughters they are now kept on their toes by four very lively grandsons (especially the two who are under 2 year of age). ✳ **Loey Boon Hill** reports that she needs to be in Rochester for an extended time, because of her mother's changing health and well-being. She wishes all our children and grandchildren could grow up in the kind of environment we enjoyed. She continues to live in the same town, same house, in the Berkshires. The more she visits other places that are beautiful but afflicted with congestion and sprawl, the more she realizes how lucky she is to be there most of the year and in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in the summer. She spends her time in volunteer work, a little tax work, friends, taking care of everything that needs attention in house and yard, reading, eating out, attending concerts, lectures, and classes through the Berkshire Institute of Lifelong Learning, and especially family. She likes talking with applicants to Middlebury but finds it very frustrating, since they all deserve to be accepted but the majority can't get the welcome letter. Son Dave is in Groton, Mass., with wife and three daughters; son Scott with wife, son, and daughter live in Lexington, Ky. "The family has chosen to live in places that I like to visit. Other travels have been to Churchill on Hudson Bay, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, Nova Scotia and PEI." ✳ **Mike Robinson** and **Jean Seeler-Gifford** were at Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September. On his way home, Mike stopped and visited with **Linc Clark** in Bethel, Vt. ✳ We are sorry to report the death of **Peter Cooper** on October 15, 2005. The condolences of the class are extended to his family.
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Good to hear from **Jane Werner Bonnesen**, who is involved with America's Second Harvest Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity. She is blessed with 13 grandchildren and has done a lot of traveling, including Spain, California, Arizona, Florida, and Illinois. ✳ Let's hear from more of you. And mark your calendars to be in Middlebury June 2–4, 2006, for our upcoming 45th reunion!
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Mary Beach Chapin has retired from her 32-year career teaching English at Marblehead (Mass.) High School. According to the *Marblehead Reporter*, she hopes to teach English in Poland in the future. ✳ Secretary Roësset was looking forward to seeing **Jim Warburton** in early October, while she was in Andalucia hiking. Jim reported three forest fires in his area during the summer, "but nothing as bad as what has been happening in Portugal. The drought is terrible and there is rationing of water. That means, more than anything else, that the British expats haven't been able to 'top off' their swimming pools."
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In March 2005, **Manfred Nitsch** retired and became professor emeritus of political economy at Latin American Institute, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany. ✳ "After 42 years in Southern California," writes **Diana Ferris Cotter**, "I have pulled up stakes and moved to Vermont. Currently (September) I am renting in Bristol and looking to buy a home in the Middlebury area. It's hard to believe it has only been three weeks since I arrived in Vermont. I am enrolled and attending three classes a week at the gym; every Sunday I attend church and am already involved in some of their activities; I am still unpacking, still looking for a house. Yesterday and today were so incredibly beautiful. Hints of fall were in the air, the sky was deep blue and the air so fresh. JD, the dog, often stops when he is outside and just scents the air for minutes at a time. Imagine the new smells he is enjoying. The cats are also adjusting. Penny likes to sun in the west-facing living room windows and Abby is ridding the place of crickets. If anyone had told me a month ago I would be hanging out my sheets and towels so I could enjoy the wonderful fresh smell, I would have called them crazy. But I have, twice now! An occasional tree or branch is turning red and yellow, so autumn cannot be far away. I can't wait. Anyone want to visit?"
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Jean Blanchette St. Clair writes that she and husband Joe travel a lot now that her youngest son is a veterinarian and working with his father. They spent most of October traveling in Germany, then Prague, Budapest, Vienna, and Salzburg. Last year they took a cruise to the Greek Isles and they have had two two-week tours to the Turks, where Joe is part of the island practice. When not traveling, they are spending time with their children or skiing at Okemo or at their beach house on Long Island. When home in Connecticut, they spend their time catching up. As our class agent, Jean contacted 50 of our classmates last year. She does need our help and support, as does our alma mater. Remember she is volunteering her time!
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Following up on our 40th reunion, we hiked, biked, played tennis, toured the new campus facilities, and danced. The campus has changed a lot and in marvelous ways; the new library is a state-of-the-art treasure with breathtaking views and incredible study spaces. The new science center is phenomenal and is crowned with the space observatory. The eating units are spacious and the new dorms well situated. And the atmosphere of excitement and activity is still there, even with most of the students gone for the summer. I (Polly) immediately wished I could re-enroll, now, as a 62-year-old freshman, to take all those intro classes I never took, with all these new, riveting professors. ✳ We learned a lot about our far-flung classmates. Betsy and **Geoff Wadsworth** have retired, bought a sailboat, sold their house, and headed south. They plan an open-ended cruise down the ICW to the Bahamas and beyond. ✳ **Mary Wilson** recounted a marvelous tale of naïveté back in the mid-'60s: When she went into a laundromat in the Deep South, she spotted a "whites only" sign and thought she could not wash her jeans there. How far our country has come, thank goodness, although **Melrose Huff** and others would remind us that there is still more to be changed. ✳ **Nancy French Dodge** was the reference librarian at St. Michael's College, then worked nearly 20 years as a librarian at the New Hampshire Tech College in Portsmouth/Stratham. "I got into family history mid-'70s. Spent a weekend in Colebrook (N.H.) to do my family history—showing I knew NOTHING about my family, OR genealogy! Next I came up for a week, then for summers, and finally moved here permanently in '88. Since I'm the first in nine generations, both sides, NOT raised here, I suspect this is my final destination. In hunting my own ancestry, I ended up mapping, transcribing, and indexing all graves in about 20 towns on both sides of the Connecticut River, plus Hereford PQ. Most of the information is in three published volumes, but the wrist gave out and the fourth volume never got finished." Nancy is now the "go to" person for people looking for local history and ancestry: "I'm known as 'the cemetery lady' far and wide, if not by name." ✳ **Pete Branch** still plays tennis, as do **Pete Delfausse**, **Fred Stetson**, **Pete Holcombe**, etc., but the ice skates have essentially been retired. ✳ **Doug Rhett** has retired from the geology world and is farming pecans in Oklahoma. He reports that he had an opportunity to find himself in the midst of an ancient, climax forest in New Jersey, untouched by settlers, loggers, and farmers for well

over 400 years. ✳ **Sue Scammell Carpenter** is a therapist in Connecticut. ✳ **Carolyn Breckenridge Gregg** and **Julie Marble Emerson** are sisters-in-law; Breck is married to Julie's brother. ✳ **Eve Palenske Lee** and **Lin Wheeler Juliani** spent time catching up on their friendship from days of being JC roommates junior year. ✳ **Lynne Robinson Lawrence** has moved to Pepperell, Mass., "closer to the kids, more space (like I need it), and rent that I can afford without mortgaging my soul." ✳ **Alan Granwell** travels a lot as an international law expert, and his wife is able to join him occasionally. Recently, they were in Hong Kong for a stretch. ✳ **Fred Berner**, a senior partner at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, has been elected president, CEO, and chair of the board of the Energy Bar Association, a nationwide organization of energy attorneys and non-attorney professionals. ✳ **Chip Hart**, who's developing northwestern Vermont, has put three kids through Middlebury. Son Jonas has defected from the bunch to enter UVM this fall. ✳ Prior to returning for reunion, **Tim Griggs** wrote: "I'm living a quiet life in Steamboat Springs with Christine, the woman of my dreams, the woman I should have married in 1978, before the advent of wisdom. Selling the occasional piece of land, skiing way too fast, and riding young Arabian horses in the perpetual attempt to find the ultimate chopper." Speaking of choppers, Tim reflected in a note to **Fred Stetson**: "I have a soft spot for those in our class who ended up flying helicopters. We all have had shared experiences—everything from Ft. Wolters to Ft. Rucker, to our time in RVN and back to Wolters as instructors. Maybe I'm getting sentimental in my old age, but I think because of those experiences we are a relatively unique group." ✳ We close with **George Birdsong**'s good comments: "The recent 40th reunion was a great time. Thanks to all my classmates who attended and made it a special celebration of the education and fun we had at Middlebury."

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By now, we've all received a post card and a refrigerator magnet reminding us of our 40th reunion dates—June 2–4, 2006. I hope that the brief glimpses into the lives of our classmates that this column has given you over the last four years will be an even greater reminder of the fun it might be to see some of these folks in June. We know how lovely Vermont can be then, so please think about putting our 40th on your pleasurable To Do list! Looking ahead to June, please let me know about any events or activities you think would be a hit with our class. **Cathy Zawistoski Sampson** and I promise not to sign up for a canoe trip in June, so if you think you'd like to paddle on the Otter Creek for an hour or so, rest assured that you won't have to wait a long time for a few people who are not real sure which end of a canoe should go first. ✳ The big news from **Rick Church** is that he has three grandchildren, two of whom were born this summer: "They are all a delight." Midd daughter Susannah Church Maxwell '97 has two and Colby daughter Sarah has the newest. Rick reports that his "life is full with retirement/community service things." He's president and "a proud charter member" of the Monadnock Conservancy, a land trust serving the 35 towns in southwest New Hampshire: "We have 85 pieces of land either owned or under conservation easement covering about 6,000 acres." ✳ **Rob Corkran** is winding down a 33-year career with the Bush School, an independent day school in Seattle. He teaches geography and history to seventh graders, describing himself as "sort of like a Little League Illick or Malmstrom." Rob has had a number of Middlebury connections over the years. He says that **Fay Hauberg Page**, a graduate of Bush, subsequently sent her children there, as has **Jane Graham Sutherland**. Rob taught all of their children at one time or another. He met his wife Suzanne Forrest Corkran (M.A. French '93) at Bush and married her on campus with the headmaster officiating. **Dave Stonington** was his stepchildren's pediatrician. In his capacity as high school and Pacific Northwest junior cross-country skiing coach, Rob says he's "run across a lot of Midd people, notably **Dennis Donahue** and John Morton '68. Scott Hendrickson '61, a colleague at Bush, is an elegant alpine skier and once skied more than 100 days in a season at the Snow Bowl. Scott's father told him that his Middlebury tuition was the most expensive lift ticket he had ever bought." Among other skiing friends, Rob introduced Andy Dahlstrom '89 to cross-country ski racing. Andy is another of Rob's colleagues at Bush. Rob and Suzanne have a house in Seattle and an apartment in San Francisco, where Suzanne is academic dean at the Urban School. ✳ After five years in a downtown Chicago condo, **Gary Bevington** and wife Em have moved to Missoula, Mont., where they had spent the previous four summers. Gary writes that they "will continue spending about four months a year at the house we built 12 years ago on a cattle ranch in southern Mexico, where we live with 'our' (by *compadrazgo*) Maya extended family the Itzás, their retainers, and 100-120 head of Brahman cattle." Since retiring in 1999, Gary has taught Yucatec Maya language courses at the Univ. of Chicago, seminars at the Newberry Library, and a course on Indians of Mexico at NAES College. This fall he was teaching a Univ. of Mont. graduate seminar in the linguistics program and helping set up tribal language courses in the Native American Studies department. "We have connected with Midd classmate and longtime Mizo denizen **Glenn Govertsen** out here," Gary says in closing. We have it on good authority (Robyn Cook '02) that Glenn recently ran a 3:49 in the Portland Marathon! He has retired from teaching high school physics. ✳ **Polly Brown** writes from Martha's Vineyard that she has semi retired since her husband died 10 years ago. In addition to occasional Land Court title examiner work, she is active with Hospice and is on the board of the local hospital. Polly writes, "I live in a cozy little house on Tashmoo Pond and enjoy watching the changing seasons and the scampering children from my porch. I sail and play tennis as often as I can and frolic with my golden retriever." She notes that lots of Vineyard people are moving away to escape escalating real estate prices and taxes: "It's sad to see the way the community is changing—not as bad as Nantucket, but it's hard for young families to afford to live here." Since older people must now move to the mainland to find independent living without home care responsibilities, Polly is working on getting a retirement home started to enable residents with roots on the island to stay near their friends and family. "It will be a slow process, I fear," she writes. "There are wonderful things about living on an island, but there are significant disadvantages, too." ✳ **Judy Nothnagle Reynolds** sums it up: "I will be at the 40th reunion. Hope to see everyone there."

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During this past year most of us have turned 60 and, from all accounts, have celebrated, or at least acknowledged, this milestone in many ways. Perhaps most frequent in the accounts I've heard has been travel—both to exotic, faraway places, and to lovely, away-from-home places. There have also been many fun birthday parties, under tents, in barns, at lakes, on islands, just to list a few I attended. What has been interesting to me is how many classmates have wanted to celebrate with Middlebury friends, even from far away. Perhaps it's because we are true peers and our relationships have been steadfast and nourishing for over 40 years. Women of our class have a history of enjoying weekend reunions together, but our Northwest contingent was obviously inspired by this landmark year. A core group reached out to their Middlebury best mates and pulled friends from clear across the country to join them for six days in Seattle and the San Juan Islands. On August 4, 10 Middlebury women—including **Beverly Fead Leys**, **Robin Thomas**, **Marcia Bloom Stevenson**, **Susan Freier Geisenheimer**, **Wendy Gladstein Singley**, **Wendy Pohlman Mickle**, **Elaine Dunphy Foster**, **Cathy Buck Leary**, **Carolyn Ogden Stenerson**, and **Marnie Wilson Kerr**—arrived in Seattle for a long-planned (by Marcia, Wendy, and Robin) joint 60th birthday party celebration. Susan Geisenheimer reports: "We had dinner the first night with **Dillon Jackson** and his wife, Misha, on their fabulous houseboat on Lake Union, where several of us took a swim while gazing at the Seattle skyline. The next morning we drove several hours to take a ferry to the beautiful and remote San Juan Islands. We stayed at the homes of Wendy Mickle and Marcia Stevenson until August 9, cooking, eating, talking, reminiscing, taking a yoga class, touring, kayaking, hiking, running. Some of us had not seen others since graduation, so there was much catching up to do on careers, children, and husbands. We marveled at how easy it was to reconnect with women with whom we had four years in common 40 years ago. We came from California, Wyoming, Oregon, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts to enjoy this special time together." ✳ **Mary Tallafuss Cuyler** (mcuyler@sondryfolk.net) and her husband retired in June and moved to Salida, Colo., in September: "We love it here! We'd love company, so let us know if you're thinking about coming this way. Salida is about 100 miles west of Colorado Springs, in the valley of the Arkansas River, and only a half-hour away from Monarch ski area. In the summer, river kayaking and rafting are the big activities. So far we've done none of those, but our excuse is that we're still unpacking." ✳ Although the New England Women of '67 group hasn't needed even a signature event like our 60th birthdays to draw us together annually for the last 15 years, we did start celebrating that event a year ago when we met in Marblehead. This year, 14 of us continued the celebrating at **Carol Collin Little**'s home in Hartland Four Corners, Vt., the first weekend in October. Carol, **Helen Martin Whyte**, **Margot Childs Cheel**, **Susan Schweickert Macy**, **Elaine Dunphy Foster**, **Marion Boultbee**, **Susan Freier Geisenheimer**, **Joanne Hall Johnston**, **Judy Van Nostrand Sturgis**, **Sue Rugg**

Parmenter, Jervis Lockwood Anderson, and I (Susan Davis Patterson) welcomed first-timers **Linda Morse** and **Lauri Ward** to our group of intelligent, humorous, accomplished women. It was a fabulous gathering in a welcoming place of warmth and friendship, with a storied activity, all leaving us exuding pride and warm fuzzies. As Elaine said, "The accommodations, food, activities, company, and weather were all perfect. The diversity and the commonalities of the group always impress me. It is so great that we have all been doing various things and having different experiences, but that we have an underlying layer of common interests and values—and that we do not whine." That last, in reference to our five-hour paddle on the Connecticut River against a stiff breeze. As Linda pointed out, "The uncertainty of finding the take-out added a bit of zest to the outing." There was plenty of zest all round, as there always is when a group of us gather together.
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Secretary Gregg reports: I attended the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in mid-September. **Linda Mason-Smith** was there, as well as **Larry Bruce**, who attended the Alumni Fund executive committee meeting. I attended the workshop for class agents, along with **Shari Galligan Johnson** and **Mary Ann Riggie**. I also attended the session for class secretaries and the Middlebury College Alumni Association board meeting. Fall was late in Vermont this past year, so the hills were not yet ablaze with color! ✳ **Chris D'Elia** has taken a new position as assistant VP for research and community partnerships at the Univ. of South Florida, St. Petersburg. Known for his work on coastal, tropical, and subtropical ecology, Chris is responsible for identifying new research priorities for the campus. He will also develop and promote internal competitive awards and oversee quality assurance for research activities. He'll also be involved in promoting economic development in the Tampa Bay region. ✳ **Sue Lauf Youngquist** sends an update: "My 20-plus years as a municipal officeholder in Stratford, Conn., have finally come to an end. Since 1985 I have served as a planning and zoning commissioner, followed by a stint on the board of education. I'm not sure how it will feel to have my nights free, but I'm looking forward to finding out. In September we purchased our retirement home in Ft. Myers, but Mal enjoys his work and is not ready to call it quits, so I expect to spend a lot of time on planes." ✳ **Susan Gallagher Borg** is busy cultivating herbs at a former dairy farm in Lincoln, Vt. Susan and partner Dick Nessen continue to nurture the wild plantings they found at Weed Farm—not only named to honor the wild herbs found growing there, but also because they grow vegetables that are basically wild plants, not those which have been intensely hybridized. They start all their seeds in a solar-powered greenhouse and raise laying hens and meat birds. Susan continues to teach music and also runs a series of summer workshops on growing herbs and transforming them into foods, remedies, art, and science projects. Check it all out at www.weedfarmherbs.com. ✳ Meanwhile, at a much lower elevation down in the Champlain Valley, **George Phinney** is raising buffalo on his 330-acre property, Apple Ridge Farms, in Shoreham. Purchased in 2003, Apple Ridge still produces around 16,000 bushels of apples annually, as well as being home to more than 180 head of buffalo. The farm sells its own line of buffalo steaks, hamburger, and other products exclusively in Vermont. Check out Greg's Meat Market, the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op, and, of course, Middlebury College.
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Mary Lea Driftmier Zamora and husband Ron are working with people with developmental disabilities, while staying active with their peace and justice activities in St. Augustine, Fla. ✳ On September 6, **Jamie Johnson Fitzgerald** joined the intellectual property practice group at Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, Vermont's largest law firm. She's practicing from the firm's Burlington office. Most recently a partner in the Connecticut firm of Wiggin and Dana, her work has focused on trademarks and unfair competition. She has been a leader in the rapidly evolving field of cyber law and the Internet. Her law degree is from the Univ. of Chicago School of Law and she has also served as an adjunct prof. at the UConn School of Law, where she taught a seminar in trademarks and cyber law in 2005. ✳ **Thomas Chamberlin** is retiring after practicing orthodontics for 30 years. From December to May home will be the Arlberg region (St. Anton) of Austria. June to November will find them in West Falmouth on the Cape. ✳ **Patricia Cross Anderson** retired in 2003 from a computer programming career in college education: "Moved to Vermont before it was too late. Wonderful decision!"
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Sue Ellen Thompson journeyed to Middlebury on October 6 to deliver the Abernethy Lecture: "The subject of my lecture was 'Elected Friends: Robert Frost and Edward Thomas.' (Edward Thomas was an English poet who died in World War I.)" She also gave a poetry reading that evening at the College. The editor of the recently released *The Autumn House Anthology of Contemporary American Poetry,* Sue Ellen hoped to teach a winter term course called Poetry as Autobiography. ✳ After 22 years in San Antonio, Texas, **Geoffrey Weiss** has been enticed away to the Univ. of Va. Medical Center in Charlottesville: "Last November 2004, I joined the university as chief of the division of hematology-oncology and deputy director of the cancer center. My job includes hiring new research talent to the institution, promoting the growth of cancer clinical trials, taking care of cancer patients, and moving the institution into the top tier of national cancer centers. I love the job, but it scares me to death. The commute to work is easy, the scenery pastoral, and the tradition Jeffersonian. It is nice to be back east. Perhaps now I'll find more opportunity to visit the Midd campus." ✳ "In a move which has astounded most people here in Washington," writes **Dorothy Shea Weinstein**, "I left Vermont for D.C. in June, after living in Vermont since 1966 (except for two years in Maine, one of which was before I graduated). Well, it was time to spread my wings. I am the new communications director of the American Recreation Coalition, a good fit with my Vermont job with the Catamount Trail Association, which manages a 300-mile-long cross-country ski trail. I live on Capitol Hill, a short walk from the Mall and from the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee offices, which makes me feel more comfortable in a place dominated by my unfavorite party. I have a spare bedroom and welcome Midd friends as houseguests and those who live here to get in touch with me." ✳ **Frank Moorman** writes: "I'm sorry I missed the reunion; I had enjoyed myself at the last two. However, I was opening in a production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, a young professional group that's been performing in Ellicott City, Md., for the past three years. I've been in each of their three outdoor productions, which have been staged in the ruins of what had been a girls' school in the 19th century. Appropriately enough, we had staged *Midsummer Night's Dream* sophomore year. My daughters, who had been at the 25th reunion, are moving in different directions: Barrie graduated from the Univ. of Va. and is teaching at the Capital City Public Charter School in D.C.; Erinna is training and riding horses while studying at the Anne Arundel Community College. I would love to hear from anybody inclined to write me at fbmoorman22@yahoo.com." ✳ A firsthand report from New Orleans was received from **Judith Lelchook**, who transferred to Brandeis in 1968 and was a resident of the New Orleans area for a time. At present she is "a clinical program manager at a family preservation agency in southeast D.C. This is my second Red Cross disaster. I went down to Hugo for three weeks in 1989 as a family services social worker. I am a first mental health responder to bioterrorism in Maryland (even though I live in Virginia). Maryland asked us to deploy with the Red Cross down here and, as I have too many lovely and spiritful memories of our life here and I wanted to help the place and people out who had done so very much for us, I wanted to do something. I have been doing exit interviews and working on staff mental health problems, mostly. But I was on the road in Sulphur (due west on I-10 from Baton Rouge) for three days. Once there, we traveled down to Cameron Parish: that's where much of the land is already gone from the winds and floods of Rita. Starting yesterday, they are letting citizens back in to pick through the remaining wreckage before bulldozing the rest of the town. They are actually planning to do that to many areas, from East to West. I have heard much more than I could ever see, because I interview volunteers who do all kinds of work and have had the range of experiences. A manager from Lenox, Mass., described the problem as the Red Cross trying to operate on a World War II business plan in a 2005 world. The implications are vast, but he and a bunch of others have implemented measures to make some important changes—in sanitation, medical education, and food storage and preparation. And, in the meantime, most of the exit interviews I have 'received' are people who were 'elevated' by their experiences, who feel amazed by the grace of many of the clients and happily exhausted by the work. Go figure." ✳ Secretary Mead reports: Feeling reconnected to Midd after our terrific 35th reunion, I am happy to join **Dave Desrochers** as co-secretary for our class news. Receiving my first e-mail from Dottie Shea Weinstein was a treat. I look forward to hearing from more of you. As for my own news, I kicked off my first September of retirement from teaching with a three-week trip to France with my husband, Marty. We started with a

one-week intensive French program near Lyon, followed by a week in Paris and a week bicycling in the Loire Valley. It was a great way to start this new transition in life.
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George Matteson has written a book, *Tugboats of New York: An Illustrated History* (NYU Press, October 2005). The result of four years of research, the book is based on George's own experience of 20 years as a tugboat operator and captain in New York. A NYC resident since 1971, at one time George lived on his own tugboat as captain. At its peak in 1929, 800 tugboats worked the harbor. Now there are 60 tugs still working. "The harbor used to be its own floating world. The 1918 New York census showed 12,000 people living on tugs and barges in the harbor." George's book traces the development of tugboats and to a large extent New York harbor itself. He covers the conversion of sail to steam and the use and decline of railroads. He also discusses the unions which had a huge effect on the harbor. "I loved the project," George reports, "because the harbor is a fascinating place and worthy of a narrative. I loved digging up bits of history that had been previously unknown." A review appears elsewhere in this issue. ✳ My thanks to **Linda Watson**, who sent me an e-mail about George's book. Linda wrote in the fall: "My job at Middlebury College (Center for Educational Technology) will be phased out next spring and I am on the lookout. As I write this I am on a three-day weekend, taking an oil painting class in Rockport, Mass. Weather is gorgeous and I think I want to do this all the time from now on. Georgia (23) lives and works in New York; Jesse (16) is a junior in high school. I designed and contracted a total renovation of my house last summer. I'm headed to Manhattan next weekend to attend a celebration for the publication of Geo Matteson's book! Way to go, Geo! ✳ **Leslie Boyle Shipps**, of Cazenovia, N.Y., has joined the Compass Group as a financial representative, focusing on long-term care. The Compass Group is a marketing firm of New England Financial, a financial services company based in Boston. ✳ **Debbie Turner Hicks** and husband Bobby were eagerly awaiting the wedding of daughter Kristen in November: "Since she lives in California, we have made three wonderful trips to the wine country, Las Vegas, and Santa Barbara. My husband and I both work in education, so we take advantage of our summers to travel. We have recently made trips to New York City and New England. Since we live in Florida, these are really exciting for us!" ✳ **Charles Rockwell** gave the June commencement address at Long Trail School in Dorset, Vt. Charlie and **Madeline Neilson Rockwell** have two daughters, Katherine and Susan, both of whom graduated from Long Trail and went on to Davidson College. A land surveyor and former tennis coach, Charlie has taught and certified ski instructors at Bromley since 1968. After 26 years in the Vermont National Guard, he retired as a colonel. He races motorcycles, pilots his own small plane, and plays keyboard in three bands. ✳ The Chandler Center for the Arts recently showcased the musical career of Randolph, Vt., soprano **Marjorie Balgooyen Drysdale**. Her 30-year career has taken her throughout New England to perform with 10 different orchestras and three

Charlie Rockwell '71 races motorcycles, pilots a small plane, and plays keyboard in three bands.

opera companies. She founded and led one of the area's best choruses—Sounding Joy!—and also teaches voice at Johnson State College, the Monteverdi Music School in Montpelier, and in her home studio. ✳ It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Sally Andrews** on October 6, 2005. Sally turned her girlhood love of theater into a career. In New York she worked on production units for several films, including *Moonstruck* and *Hannah and Her Sisters.* Since 1991 she had lived in Orlando, Fla., where she worked in TV and commercial production. We send our sympathies to her family. ✳ **Myrka Hall-Beyer** writes from Calgary, Canada, that she has two granddaughters, Faith (2) and Clara Rose (born September 27). They are the children of son Ian '94 and his wife, Andrea, "who live altogether too far away in Kansas City." In July, Myrka was promoted to associate prof. at the Univ. of Calgary, where she is now head of the undergraduate program for the geography department, as well as department academic adviser. She has also started a mandate on the editorial board of the Univ. of Calgary Press, "which is a learning experience!" More news from Myrka: "I spent three weeks last summer driving and hiking the area of the Dempster Highway in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. I was part of a group, including a few cyclists, but I was one of the hiking-and-driving-the-support-van members, not the biking ones! Liesi Hebert '72 joined us in Inuvik for a quick flight to see Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic coast and the drive/bike back to Dawson City and Whitehorse. Other than that, I'm just finishing up a year's major house renovation/addition, thank goodness finally, and have a self-contained two-bedroom suite, if anyone needs to stay on a trip to the Banff area." ✳ On my own part, over the summer my family and I downsized from our elegant but rather elderly Victorian home into a town house apartment. We found a really nice spot in our same neighborhood and near to our daughter's school, where Eleanor (12) is in seventh grade. I can be reached at the same e-mail and phone, but our new street address is listed below. It's our reunion year, so I hope to see many of you in Middlebury in June. Mark your calendars now, and continue to send me your great news.
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After becoming an accountant in 1979, **Ingrid Stanlis** began her career with KPMG, an audit, tax, and risk-advisory firm. She was elected to the firm's partnership in 1993. In 1979, she moved from Vermont to KPMG's Rochester, N.Y., office, where she served as an audit partner until her promotion to managing partner last spring. Her community service includes serving as chair of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. ✳ **Bill Millman** wrote recently from Arlington, Va., that he and wife Mila were heading off to Santo Domingo for a two-year stint at the U.S. Embassy there. ✳ **Tom Lechner** is now the principal at Kaler Elementary School in South Portland, Maine. He was formerly the principal at Etna-Dixmont Elementary School. Tom and wife Karen live in Orono.
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Bill Burke and wife Patty became grandparents on March 14, 2005, with the arrival of William L. Burke V (son of oldest son Will and his wife, Anne). Second son Dan has wedding plans, while third son Matthew '04 is teaching and acting in L.A. Their youngest, Sam, is a sophomore at Harvard. Bill writes: "**Chris Burr**, **Bart DeSalvo**, **Mike Ryan**, Charlie O'Sullivan '74, and I continue to meet twice a year for book club discussions. We all greatly treasure our time at Middlebury and our eternal connection to the place." Bill is in his 16th year as headmaster of St. Sebastian's School (Catholic independent; 354 boys in grades 7–12) in Needham, Mass. ✳ **Peter Goodwin** reports "a great summer in Wolfeboro, N.H., except for a great two weeks rafting down the Grand Canyon. They say that it is a trip of a lifetime, but it was the family's second trip. I might try to be a cat and go down nine times. Happy to talk about the Grand Canyon with anyone—and if anyone comes near Wolfeboro in the summer, look me up." ✳ **Christopher Duncan**'s teaching career of 20 years took him to independent schools in New Jersey, Philadelphia, Denver, NYC, and then the Poughkeepsie Day School. According to an interview in the *New Paltz Times,* he then decided to get a master's in environmental administration through Antioch New England College in New Hampshire. He now runs the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, writes land preservation agreements, produces a newsletter, and works with landowners to preserve important areas from development. He reports the necessity of keeping careful land trust documentation: "When you take on land preservation agreements, you take them on 'in perpetuity,' and that, as they say in the land trust world, is a long time."
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Mary Jane Dickson Cuneo (cuneo@fas.harvard.edu) reports that son Jack "wants to study Everything" as a member of the Midd Class of 2009. On the side he plays guitar and Ultimate Frisbee. Mary Jane and husband John '72 are happy to have the opportunity to get reacquainted with the College "in its shiny new version." A librarian at the Fine Arts Library at Harvard, Mary Jane plays mountain dulcimer and is learning to play classical guitar. John directs Community Action Inc., based in Haverhill, Mass., which provides a variety of human services to the Lower Merrimack Valley. For fun he coaches and referees youth soccer. Son Will (12) plays club soccer, where he is "little and fierce." ✳ **Mike Schlegel** and **Tucker Saw** had just completed the Harpoon Brewery-to-Brewery ride last June—a one-day, 136-mile bike ride from Boston

to Windsor, Vt.—when they ran into **John "Muddy" Waters**, who had also participated in the race. ✳ **Brook Richardson Maher** (mahers@pcrealm.com) continues to paint and draw at her art studio in Peekskill, N.Y., which has an active artist's community. She has also been working on a public mosaic project. For balance, she teaches a junior tennis program. After playing on three tennis teams at the beginning of the summer, she spent the end of the summer recovering from knee surgery. Husband **Bill Maher** is the city court judge in Peekskill. He enjoys golf and listening to music of all varieties. Daughter Lyon recently moved to San Diego and daughter Zoë is a senior at the Univ. of Colorado, Boulder. ✳ **Jim Kelly** was recently named president of Cummins Inc. Engine Business, based in Columbus, Ind. He had been in charge of Cummins midrange and heavy duty engine operations since April 2004. Now he's responsible for engineering, manufacturing, purchasing, sales, and marketing for all engine families and markets worldwide. ✳ **Eileen Rockefeller Growald** and husband Paul have played a major role in founding the Champlain Valley Greenbelt Alliance (CVGA). In the last few years, CVGA has been at work preserving the fantastic views along Route 7 between Middlebury and Shelburne. ✳ Daria and **Dave O'Connor** celebrated 25 years of marriage last summer by taking a cruise to Bermuda, sans their two kids. They took the kids along last spring to spend four days in Paris and four in London. As a high school senior, their daughter was making the rounds of New England colleges, including Middlebury, last fall. Dave's comments: "Memories of my college years infuse the tours with warm, fuzzy feelings, only to be dashed under a bucket of cold water every time I hear mention of the tuition. I always seem to be the parent in the group who asks if their admissions policy is need-blind." Their sixth-grade son is an avid baseball player and Dave coached his team to victory in the Little League playoffs. Now in his 10th year as Massachusetts' Energy Commissioner, Dave says, "While I spend a lot of time worrying about the supply and prices of electricity, natural gas, and heating oil, I get the most fun out of running our energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. (Yes, I'm part of the reason wind turbines may someday turn in Nantucket Sound.) I would enjoy hearing from classmates at d.oconnor@rcn.com, especially if you're planning to visit Boston." ✳ **Mark Patinkin**, longtime columnist for the *Providence Journal*, has a new book out, *Up and Running: The Inspiring True Story of a Boy's Struggle to Survive and Triumph*. This well-reviewed nonfiction book is about the struggle of a young boy and his family to cope with the impacts of bacterial meningitis, which afflicted the boy when he was just six years old. ✳ **Andrew Meldrum**'s book, *Where We Have Hope: A Memoir of Zimbabwe*, was published by the Atlantic Monthly Press in May. In his first book, Sandy chronicles his 23 years in the country that was formerly Rhodesia, tracing the tragic failure of a democratic ideal. Despite witnessing and being the object of heinous acts by its government, Sandy maintains his optimistic affection and appreciation for the people of Zimbabwe and their culture. ✳ Among the best of the reporting from Hurricane Katrina was that delivered by **Jeanne Meserve**, longtime reporter for CNN. She gave a harrowing on-air account of some of the early destruction and followed it up with her usual solid reporting. ✳ I (Greg Dennis) have been using my new blog (Web log) as a way to write about what's going on in the Middlebury community and at the College. You can access the blog at http://MiddleburyVt.blogspot.com. My wife and I are still loving Middlebury and the rest of Vermont, having moved back from San Diego in November 2004.

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According to **Anne Thompson Miller**, "having an empty nest doesn't make life any slower. I'm still involved in volunteer work with La Leche League and my church. Tony still works for the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library, sings in the choir, and writes. This summer we gathered in Middlebury at the home of Martha Baldwin [program coordinator for the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs at the College], along with **Marybeth Metzger**, Joan Ingram Gavigan '76, Paul Cody '78, and all of Martha's children. It was good to be together and good to honor the memory of Martha's husband, Dillon Baldwin '50, who passed away October 4, 2004. The 'town' friends we made all those years ago helped us through our college years and have stayed dear friends ever since. We continue dealing with Katrina evacuees in Atlanta. My school system in Gwinnett County (Georgia) enrolled over a thousand students!" Anne sends love to everyone and invites friends to call when coming through Georgia. ✳ In September, **Tony MacDonald** became the director of the Urban Coast Institute (UCI), a new organization to support collaborative research and educational programs focused on sustaining the quality of New Jersey's coastal environment. Housed at Monmouth University's School of Science, Technology, and Engineering in West Long Branch, N.J., the UCI will examine urban coast issues from the viewpoints of the user, conserver, and regulator of the environment. Tony writes: "By the end of the decade, it is my hope that UCI will reflect a national model of commitment to a community and the region centered on a sustainable environment in which estuarine watersheds serve as habitats for an urban population living in balance with a diverse marine life." ✳ According to a Colorado newspaper, Penn State Prof. **Kevin Furlong** led a discussion at the Antlers in Vail last summer, sharing his expertise on the recent Asian earthquake and tsunami. He spoke about why these events occurred and why the world was unprepared for a disaster of this magnitude. The Sumatra earthquake was the first of its size to be recorded with modern technology. ✳ After several years as chair of the Vermont Public Service Board, **Michael Dworkin** is now heading the Vermont Institute for Energy and the Environment, a recent creation of the Vermont Law School. A nationally recognized leader in energy and environmental law, Michael reports that he wants his new institute to be a catalyst for changing the way people think about energy and its role in the environment: "Energy policy is the world's most important environmental issue. Environmental constraints may be the energy sector's most important challenge." Vermont Law School President Jeff Shields points out that Michael "understands the interface of law, finance, and technology, which the world must navigate as we face our environmental and energy challenges." Michael and wife Starr Loring '73 live in Montpelier.

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Newsmakers

ROGER EASTON '43 has won a 2004 National Medal of Technology, the nation's highest honor for science and technology. The recognition comes for his extensive pioneering achievements in spacecraft tracking, navigation, and timing technology that led to the development of the NAVSTAR Global Positioning Sysytem (GPS). Established by Congress in 1980, the National Medal of Technology honors individuals who embody the spirit of American innovation and who have advanced the nation's global competitiveness.

Two new books by a Middlebury father-son duo are hitting the market. **LYMAN GILMORE '56** is publishing his second literary biography: *The Force of Desire: A Life of William Bronk* (Talisman House, February 2006). His earlier work was *Don't Touch the Poet: The Life and Times of Joel Oppenheimer* (Talisman, 1998). **RICHARD GILMORE '81**, a philosophy professor at Concordia College in Minnesota, has published *Doing Philosophy at the Movies* (SUNY Press, March 2005).

BANKER WHITE '96 and **ZACH NILES '96** codirected *The Refugee All Stars*, a feature-length documentary that won the Grand Jury Prize at the AFI Festival in Los Angeles. The Refugee All Stars are six men who were forced from their homes by violence in Sierra Leone and transformed their experience into a musical calling, performing in refugee camps and eventually returning to war-ravaged Freetown.

MORGAN BICKNELL '01 has made her debut in a starring role in Nora Jacobson's film, *Nothing Like Dreaming*. As a troubled modern-day Vermont teenager, she finds refuge with a reclusive artist and assists him in building a fantastic musical sculpture called a fire organ, a conglomeration of metal tubes heated with a torch to produce unearthly tones. Now standing on a Vermont hilltop outside Norwich, the fire organ staged another flaming concert on December 30.

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As a social chair for our 30th reunion, **Andréa Mahee** reminds us to get in touch with her (dreroot@yahoo.com) to help her recreate some of our '70s fun activities! We do hope that our whole class will be coming back to Middlebury, June 2–4, 2006. ✷ **Andrew Munro** (amunro@eastlink.ca) is now in Halifax, "also the home of a fellow foos ball buddy, **Melvin McLeod**. Would be glad to hear from former friends such as **Peter Hunsberger**, Jay Aldrich '77, Lisa Phillips '75, Andy Kirkaldy '75, Barbara Charbonnet '74, and David Horton '74." ✷ **Jim Vear** is "still alive and well in Chicago—Go White Sox! Now in my 10th year teaching (bio, chem, phys) and coaching (football and track) at Ridgewood High School." ✷ **Peter Rubin** reports from Bennington, Vt., where he is working as an architect. After teaching for several years, he "embarked on a series of explorations, including baking artisan bread, freelance editing, plumbing, and then back to teaching. All the while, I was taking evening art classes, and pursuing various creative endeavors, until it hit me that I wanted to create buildings. In retrospect it seems hard to understand, but it took me a long time to figure out that this is what architects do. Nobody had ever told me that this was a possible career direction. For several years I interviewed architects, wrote to schools, pored over journals, climbed around construction sites. Eventually, I assembled a portfolio, took the GRE, and went for a master's in architecture. This was a grueling period: I was married, had two young kids, I was working, and going to school full time for three years. But it was clearly the right thing, and I had no regrets, just a big Stafford loan. In private practice I was always focused on public buildings—schools, libraries, community halls. For the past seven years I have been a staff architect for the State University of New York central office in Albany, managing design projects on several campuses, mostly in Buffalo. Some might consider me a bureaucrat, but I'm on a mission to make great space for learning and research, and I try to give the good taxpayers of New York their money's worth. My days are interesting and challenging and varied, and I have the honor of working with excellent colleagues on both the public and private sides." Peter would like to hear from old friends at rubin@alum.rpi.edu. ✷ **Jacqui Sulek** reports she "has moved from the craziness of Ft. Lauderdale to rural north Florida with husband of two years, George Baldwin. Working as chapter coordinator for Audubon of Florida. Will be coming to our 30th reunion!" ✷ We close with a sad note: **Jim Petersen**, who spent freshman year with us and later graduated from (and eventually became a professor of anthropology at) UVM, was killed on August 13, 2005, in Iranduba, Brazil, while on an archaeology research trip. Jim's archaeological research included extensive work in New England, the Caribbean, and the Amazon region of Brazil, where he had spent the last decade working near Manaus. His ceramic expertise enabled him to recognize the existence of 8,000-year-old settlements and transform assumptions about prehistoric Amazonian life. **Jacqui Sulek** traveled to Vermont to read a memoriam at the September 12 faculty senate meeting; memorial services were held at Shelburne Farms and at UVM. A memorial appeared in the fall issue. We extend our condolences to all the family.

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Since retiring in September 1999, **Donald Munroe** has been traveling extensively. Recent trips have included Costa Rica, Belgium and the Netherlands, Greece and Turkey, and Ireland and Northern Ireland. This winter he was planning a trip to Peru, Chile, and Argentina; spring will take him to Slovenia and Croatia. ✷ A letter to the editor of a newspaper in Monterey, Calif. (the *Monterey County Herald*), has made its way, circuitously, to Middlebury, Vt. A newsclip quotes a letter from **Peter Guest**, who wrote: "What a surprise it was to learn that my alma mater, Middlebury College, will be affiliated with the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Very few people around here know anything about Middlebury, so I thought I'd share some of my experiences." He went on to describe Middlebury and wish for a long and happy association between Middlebury and Monterey. Peter is a researcher and meteorologist at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

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Life as an oncologist remains interesting, but challenging, for **Tom Davis**: "Financial pressures to see more patients and several pounds of medical journals per week mean there's no boredom." He chairs Dartmouth's Cancer Institutional Review Board, where he oversees clinical trials: "Fascinating stuff, but lots of paperwork and ethical dilemmas." He and wife Robin Wonnacott Davis '76 "see more of each other in the cancer ward (where she's a nurse) than at home." Son Bruce '07 is WRMC's technical director, Alison is a Colby freshman, and Will a sophomore at Milton Academy. Some things, of course, (thankfully) *never* change: Tom's band, Miles to Go, still has gigs lined up. ✷ Then, of course, some things *do* change: "After hemming and hawing for 15 years," **Susan Votaw West** reports that she and husband Jonathan and daughter Eliane (7) have moved to Tasmania! The Wests had been leaving snowbound Cambridge for summery Tasmania every year, and are now living there full time, on the coast 20 minutes outside town. Jonathan left Harvard Business School to be a prof. at the Univ. of Tasmania, while Susan "is a full-time mom (oops, mum), teaching handwork at the local Waldorf School, playing bridge, gardening, and generally enjoying the transition to a safe, beautiful, healthy place to raise a family." Like Tom Davis, she assures would-be visitors that there is plenty of guest space. ✷ **Betsy Bradley Coughlan** sends greetings from Kennebunkport, Maine, where she's an associate broker with Coldwell Banker. Daughter Kelley (18) is a freshman at the Marshall School of Business at USC in Los Angeles, son Ian (15) a sophomore at Deerfield (Mass.) Academy, and son Christopher (8) in third grade at Berwick (Maine) Academy. ✷ **Lee "Elwin" Campbell** made an August visit to the Twin Cities with wife Ceci and their two children. After a family wedding, they spent a sunny afternoon with **Peter Marshall**, watching the kids play and reminiscing about other sunny days three decades ago. An occupational medicine doctor in Minneapolis, Peter enjoys spending time at his old farmstead in Wisconsin, "where I putter around on a 50-year-old Ford tractor, play Irish fiddle music (not while driving the tractor), and learn about digital movie making as the videographer for daughter Madeline's (15) school and community theater projects." ✷ Also in the heartland, **Marty Cleary** opines that "just when you think you have life figured out, one of your children turns 16." Marty maintains his busy practice in Warren, Ill., and is also "building a new house on one of our farms (almost as stressful as a 16-year-old). We continue to increase the size of our cattle herd and will meet steady state pretty soon." Like many of us, Marty is already looking forward to our (gulp!) 30th reunion. ✷ Some classmates are not waiting for 2008: **Jim Stolley** and partner Tom Wilhite, together with Jim's sisters Beth Drucker '80 and Karen Stolley '77 and *their* husbands Harry Drucker '80 and David Littlefield '79, hosted a mini-reunion in October at the Middlebury Inn. The impetus was Fall Family Weekend for second semester freshman Will Drucker. Attendees included grandparents Prof. David Littlefield and wife Jeannie, among other family members. Will "was a great sport, trailing about 14 of his relatives to classes and dining halls." Joining them for a Pine Room reception on Saturday night were Profs. D.K. Smith and Roberto Veguez, **Tom** and Robin Wonnacott '76 **Davis**, Ellen Fisher Stockmayer '77, **Gregor Kammerer**, **Bern Terry, Chip Callaghan**, Maggie Paine '79, Megan Wonnacott Sutton '81, former Rosebud Café owner Tony Blake, and assorted spouses and children. Second semester freshman Maddie Terry was away at a Katrina fund-raiser and Willa Kammerer '07 was studying in Italy. Jim reports visiting with Prof. Howard Munford, "who remains as incisive and astute as always." Also in attendance was **Katie Shepherd,** who writes of the "frightening" feeling of being a *parent* at parents weekend (although she has a child at UVM): "It seems like just yesterday that I was plotting to have my parents take me somewhere with excellent roast beef." She sums up: "Each time I go to something like this, I'm struck by what wonderful people I went to school with. We've really all turned out much better than one might have imagined!" ✷ Voters in Alabama may agree: **Craig Pittman**, first elected to the state's civil appeals court in 2000, announced a bid for re-election in October. ✷ **Bob Carolla**, wife Stacy, and children Jonathan (12) and Megan (6) visited NYC for a week during summer: "Kudos to **Adrian Benepe**; the kids loved Central Park, and the sea lions underneath his office windows in the Armory." Heading into his eighth year with the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Bob also serves on the board of *BP*, a magazine for people with bipolar disorder, their families, and friends. In December 2005, he was one of several people featured in a documentary, *Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness*, airing on ABC and produced by Mennonite Media and the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission of the National Council of Churches. ✷ **Dunstan McNichol** (who covers Trenton for the *Newark Star-Ledger*) won TWO first place awards from the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors, an association of reporters and editors covering state politics throughout the U.S. Congratulations from newshounds, Dusty! ✷ Secretary Noble (an admitted newshound) offers gratitude to Jeanne Meserve '74 for her haunting, heartbreaking, live reporting from New Orleans on the night the levees broke during Hurricane Katrina. At presstime, her late night report on Aaron Brown's show was still available on the Internet—a powerful reminder of the importance of a free, determined press during a national catastrophe.

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David Barton was recently appointed senior VP of worldwide sales at Mobius Management Systems Inc., a leading provider of software for total content management. **Anne Orrick Barton** reports that the best part about the new job (from her perspective) is that Dave's office is about five minutes away from their house in Rye, N.Y. As for Anne, she's on a brief hiatus from her new career studies at the New York School of Interior Design in Manhattan. After being in school part time for four years, she's put aside studies for a little while to help daughter Katie with the college search. She writes, "We're sorry to have missed the reunion last year; heard it was great!" ✷ **David Colbert**'s sculpture was featured in four shows in 2005, one of which was an exhibition that opened last August at City Lights Gallery in Bridgeport, Conn. In 2004, he received an artist fellowship from the State of Connecticut Commission on the Arts. David's Web site (www.davidcolbert.com) features more about his work. ✷ A profile of **Amanda Plummer** ran in the *Toronto Star* last summer, prior to her appearance as Joan of Arc in Jean Anouilh's *The Lark* at the Stratford Festival in Toronto. The interview included reference to her first acting role at Middlebury, as Amanda (the character after which she was named) in Noel Coward's *Private Lives*. ✷ **Laurie Macaulay Jordan** took a well-deserved vacation cruise with her family to Alaska to celebrate the 25th anniversary of her marriage to Gus—as well as her parents' 50th wedding anniversary. ✷ A beautiful book by **Casey O'Brien Blondes** came out in the fall: *French Country Hideaways: Vacationing at Private Châteaus and Manors in Rural France* (Rizzoli, October 2005). Casey moved to France about 16 years ago. After living in Paris, she and her husband moved to a restored farmhouse in the Loire Valley, where she became immersed in the local culture. This book invites the reader into 35 "hidden gems where you can experience true French country living."

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Valerie Minton Webster was sorry to have missed our 25th reunion last spring: "I was in seminary in Austin, Texas. On September 18 I was ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Montana, where I am blessed to serve two churches near our home in Bozeman. Cameron (15) and Danny (9) are thriving. Jim and I are looking forward to our 20th anniversary and daughter Emily's graduation from Groton School in the spring."

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It was good to hear from **Jim Taylor**, who has been living in San Francisco since 1999, when he moved there from Aspen. He reports that a lot has been happening in his life, including marriage ("finally") to Sarah Abbe (Cornell '91, Princeton '95) in August 2003. Their first child, Catherine "Catie" Abbe Taylor, arrived on July 24, 2005. Jim has published two parenting books—*Positive Pushing* and *Your Children Are Under Attack*—in 2003 and 2005, respectively. He completed two Ironman triathlons, in 2002 and 2003. "My psychology consulting practice includes work with high-level athletes, businesspeople, parents, educators, and children. To learn more, visit www.drjimtaylor.com." ✷ Our 25th reunion is rapidly approaching! Our three social chairs are **Sally Rueger Barnes**, **Cyndy Strong**, and **Jim Carey**, so be in touch with them with your ideas and suggestions. Our gift chairs are **Kate Iacocca Hentz**, **Steve Lampe**, and **Jon** and **Annie O'Herron Burleigh**. Our thanks go to them and to all those involved in working on our class yearbook, including **Tom Arcidiacono**, **Stacey Pogust Danziger**, **Sylvia Allen Duncan**, **Kathy Leary McCarthy**, **Elaine King Nickerson**, **Marcia Nordgren**, **Janet Flory Snell**, **Joanne Itskovitz-Reed**, **Ben Roe**, **Susan Taylor**, and **Chris Viscomi**. See you all in June!

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Jonathan Warner hired a Middlebury senior, Andrew Babin '06, for a summer internship: "He's the biggest player on the football team, along with being intellectually gifted. It was a great experience for both of us!" ✷ **Evelyn Elder Jeffries**, who continues to work for the federal government in Maryland, reports that children Samantha (13) and Kallie (11) are in eighth and sixth grade respectively. Evelyn was getting ready for her 15th season with the National Ski Patrol at Liberty Mountain Resort in Pennsylvania. ✷ **Jeffrey Legro**'s new book, *Rethinking the World: Great Power Strategies and International Order* (Cornell Univ. Press), is getting great reviews. An associate prof. of politics at the Univ. of Va., Jeffrey is also the author of *Cooperation under Fire: Anglo-German Restraint During World War II*, also from Cornell. ✷ Our thanks to Robyn Cook '02, who recently reported that she's working in Portland, Ore., at a place called Groundwater Solutions Inc. The co-founder of Groundwater Solutions is none other than **Walt Burt**. Ahh, those Middlebury connections.

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Erik Greenberg Anjou was thrilled to screen his documentary film (*A Cantor's Tale*) at Midd in September, "thanks to the generosity of Professors Ted Perry, Peter Hamlin, and Rabbi Ira Schiffer." Erik produced and directed the picture, which got a rave review in *Variety* and has won top awards in Warsaw and Tel Aviv. Erik is currently writing a feature film for producer extraordinaire Rony Yacov (*Triumph of the Spirit*, *City of Ghosts*) and is additionally producing and directing a new documentary about the legendary New York band, The Klezmatics. He sends an urgent message to classmates **Bob Norberg** and **Brian Cabral**: "Dudes —Where are you?" (Respond to eanjou@earthlink.net.) ✷ **Tom Van de Water** is on leave from teaching high school science this year. In addition to working in Idaho for the Forest Service, Tom reports that he is working and traveling with wife Betsy Kepes and son Jay in Georgia, New Zealand, and Japan. ✷ **Michael Lyons** is living in Norwich, Vt., with wife Stephanie Briggs and children Hannah (11), Gus (8), and Maddie (6). "Busy in private practice as a family doctor in White River. Trying to keep up with my kids—mountain biking, canoeing rivers, and getting ready for Nordic skiing and hockey seasons!" ✷ The second picture book by **Katherine Brown Tegen**, *The Story of the Easter Bunny*, was a New York Times bestseller for three weeks last March! It will be available again in stores this March. Katherine, **Doug**, and children Tyler and Charlotte are still living happily on the Upper West Side. They recently had dinner with **Dan Elish** and wife Andrea to celebrate Dan's new book contract with HarperCollins. ✷ **Bob Gallahue** has been appointed chief financial officer at Molecular Insight Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Molecular Insight is developing BMIPP, a molecular imaging pharmaceutical, for the detection of cardiac ischemia, initially for use in triaging emergency room patients with suspected acute coronary syndrome. ✷ **Stephen Genereaux**, a physician at the Wells River (Vt.) Clinic, was recently awarded the 2005 Vermont Public Service Award by the Bi-State Primary Care Association (BSPCA). He has been instrumental in bringing together three practices (Wells River, Valley Health, and Bradford Health) for the BSPCA, an organization with a mission to foster the delivery of primary health care services to underserved communities in New Hampshire and Vermont. Stephen was careful to point out that it required a great deal of team effort to make everything happen, especially thanking his colleagues, wife Jamie, and son Liam—"who picks out my ties every morning."

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Wendy Bashant is the new dean of students at New College of Florida in Sarasota. She was formerly chair of the English department at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Being a specialist in modern British literature and former director of residential life at Middlebury made Wendy a natural fit with the job. As the president of New College commented, "Education should not be confined to the classroom, especially at a residential liberal arts campus like New College. Having an academic presence in the Student Affairs' Office insures that there will be a connection between students' life in class and out of class, one that is consistent with the living and learning environment we are trying to achieve." ✷ **Craig Davis** is an orthopedic surgeon in private practice in Denver. He and wife Lindsey report that kids Jordan (2.5) and Taleigh (5 mos.) keep them very busy. ✷ If you are the jealous and bitter type, don't bother to read this next entry. **David Torres** reports that he has taken a one-year sabbatical from his job at JPMorgan; wife Kathryn has done likewise from her job at Roehampton University. Children Alice (9) and Jack (5) were also able to negotiate leaves-of-absence from their respective schools and together the family has set off to travel around the world. After renting their house in London, they spent the summer on Lake Champlain. They arrived in Cape Town, South Africa, in September, to stay until the end of December. Then it was to be India for a month and New Zealand for a month. They will zip to the

U.S. to spend a couple of weeks on the West Coast doing the national parks, a week skiing with friends in Colorado, and finally a week in D.C. before returning to London in April to try to get back to a normal life. A PG-rated account of this trip can be found at atorrestour.blogspot.com. ✳ The June 2005 Wisconsin *Corporate Report* magazine featured **Ed Schaefer**, who left his 16-year career in finance several years ago to go to work for Silver Spring Gardens in Eau Claire, Wis. Since becoming president of the company in 2003, Ed has refined processes, increased productivity, expanded capacity, and grown markets. In addition to being the world's largest grower and retail processor of horseradish, Silver Spring Gardens is also one of the top 10 producers of mustard in the U.S., grows soybeans, oats, and corn, raises cattle, and produces diverse products through Bookbinder's Food Products. Ed got his MBA at the Univ. of Chicago (1986), but he mentions in the article that "having to read and write so much [as an economics major and American literature minor at Middlebury], helped me as much as my business degree." ✳ Belated congratulations to newlyweds **Samuel** and Kerstin Sandstrom **Pierpont**, who are living in Darien, Conn. The Pierponts were married on May 21, 2005. ✳ **Dana Morosini Reeve** sent news in the fall: "I've had a tough year—but I'm bouncing back! I lost my husband October of last year, my mom in February, and was diagnosed with lung cancer in July. But I am responding well to treatment, did a cabaret act in NYC at Feinstein's, and am working on my second book." Best wishes from all your many Middlebury friends, Dana!
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Thank you, **Dale Sailer**, for being our class secretary for so many years! At our recent 20-year reunion, Dale passed the torch to us, Ruth and Denah. It was a fun-filled weekend from our perspectives. While enjoying spectacular views of the Adirondacks at Friday evening's class dinner at the "new dorm," we caught up with many classmates, including Dale Sailer, **Eileen Minnefor**, **Carol Milaccio Albert**, **Elizabeth Hawkey**, and **John Denny Jr**. As Dale mentioned in the last column, many happy and boisterous friends gathered in Hepburn Hall and celebrated well into the early morning hours! Saturday morning, while we Lohmann twins sipped coffee with friends in Proctor Dining Hall, our more athletic classmates were out doing the 5k fun run. Saturday afternoon, after a swim at the magnificent Middlebury Natatorium, we headed over to a great picnic outside the Center for the Arts, where the crowd included **Barbara MacLeod**, **Scott Joslin**, and **Mike Morrissey**. We caught up with many other friends at the class picture before heading down to Mr. Ups, where we spotted **Dave "Morty" Morton** and several others having a few good laughs out on the deck! On Saturday night, we all enjoyed a delicious dinner on Battell Field. We regretfully missed our class brunch on Sunday morning, but went home with fond memories of a wonderful reunion weekend. ✳ Not everyone made it to reunion. **Jodie Silverman** e-mailed to say that Boston has been very good to her since she moved there six years ago for graduate school—and never left. She became an active volunteer for a number of civil liberty and social justice organizations, including the ACLU, the Girls' Coalition, and Community Servings (run by David Waters '81). To feed her passion for social justice, she took a new position in January 2005 as the director of one of five divisions for the Medical Foundation, a nonprofit public health consultancy based in Boston. Last August she was married to Neal Pearlmutter (Amherst '87), a tenured prof. in cognitive psychology at Northeastern Univ. They live in Jamaica Plain, right near Jamaica Pond. ✳ **Will Dana**, previously one of three deputy managing editors at *Rolling Stone*, has been promoted to managing editor. Will started his career at *Seven Days* and held posts at *Outside*, *Worth*, and *Details* before joining *Rolling Stone* in 1996. ✳ **Rawson Hubbell** spent the latter part of the summer preparing for and riding in the Pan-Mass Challenge (a huge 192-mile cycling fund-raiser for the Jimmy Fund). He also spent two weeks in Weekapaug, R.I., fishing, playing tennis, and going to the beach. (Sounds nice, Rawson!) He anticipated spending Columbus Day weekend with **Todd Dietrich** and lots of kids. ✳ **Mary Rolph Lamontagne** (mary.rolph@sympatico.ca) has recently moved to Cape Town, South Africa, with her family. ✳ **Dale Sailer** has been quite busy as president of his company, Disaster Kleenup International, which has over 30 companies responding to the Gulf hurricane crises. ✳ **Christopher Lande** (who attended reunion weekend) and wife Lisa welcomed Lucy Elisabeth on July 10. Baby Lucy joins brother John Joseph (2). Lisa has accepted a position at the U.S. Embassy in the Hague, so Christopher left his job at GE Insurance Solutions and was exploring employment opportunities in the Hague, following their September move to the Netherlands. ✳ **Cecelia Faulkner Soscia** writes that she and John and their two children enjoy life at Virginia Beach year round. "Fortunately, we travel a lot, especially in winter to teach and ski at Wintergreen, Va. We also head to Vermont once or twice a year to visit family and the campus." ✳ **Joe Elias** recently visited Peter Saliba '89 in Anaheim, Calif. ✳ An exhibit of nature photography by **Charles Wilcox** was on display last summer at the Winchester (Mass.) Public Library. Charles is a multimedia producer and animator at the Museum of Science in Boston. ✳ **Andrew Bustillo** was recently named executive VP of client development at Westport, Conn., based Benfield, a reinsurance and risk intermediary. ✳ **Tim Rahr** is now chief financial officer and executive VP of the Taunton Press in Newtown, Conn. ✳ **Diana Hegarty Cooper**, co-owner of Trianon Antiques in Hingham, Mass., has been appointed to the town's advisory committee. ✳ Jon and **Tammy Gray Iralu** have lived in Gallup, N.M., since 1994. Daughter Elspeth is a freshman at Sewanee, the Univ. of the South. ✳ **Beatriz Esguerra Escallon** is still living in Bogotá, Colombia, with husband Juan Manuel, son Jose Maria (14) and daughter Sofia (12). Husband Juan Manuel is general manager for Cash and Transit Company and the Security Papers Printing company (both of the Thomas Greg and Sons Group). Both children attend the American School, Colegio Nueva Granada, and both are competitive golf players. Sofia is also a horseback rider-jumper. Five years ago, Beatriz opened an art gallery, Arte Consultore-Beatriz Esguerra (www.arteconsultores.com), and it has gone quite well. Beatriz rides her horse every day, doing dressage, and planned to return to competition this January. She feels lucky because she still sees her close friends from Middlebury every year. ✳ Please e-mail us with your news for the next column! We'd love to hear from everyone!
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Kenan Rand '88 experienced déjà-vac when he evacuated from Hurricane Rita right after Katrina.

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Tick tock. Hard to believe 20 years have flown by so fast! Some of our classmates already are hard at work to make our 20th reunion—June 2–4—memorable. Our thanks to **Cynthia Eberts Bensen**, who's heading up the social planning, and to **Ann Albern Olmsted** and **Parker Gilbert**, heading up the class gift campaign. Reports Ann: "We decided to earmark our 20th reunion gift to financial aid for the class of 2011, essentially adopting the class and doing what we can to provide some of the financial aid that they will need." As a bonus, she notes, we'll be sharing future reunions with the class we help, since they graduate the year we celebrate our [gulp] 25th reunion. But we're getting 'way too far ahead of ourselves! Parker says in his spare time last fall, he was traveling around New England with son Parker (13), looking at boarding schools. Parker reports running into many Midd alumni from all years, including **Peter Anderson**. ✳ **Nadia Kerwat** sends greetings from Italy, where she's responsible for special projects in the international marketing department at RAI—Radiotelevisione Italiana. She has two kids, Matteo (9) and Vittoria (3), who "both would love to see the U.S. Maybe next summer! My husband, Piercarlo, is an architect and works in museum restoration." ✳ Liza and **Scott Kirkpatrick** are living happily in Evanston, Ill., where sons Mack (8) and Mason (7) are playing traveling hockey. Scott runs into **Matt** and Wendy Gates '87 **Fink** at the rink. Scott is the U.S. director of sports marketing for Hill & Knowlton, a large international public relations firm. ✳ Estelle and **John Ketterer** welcomed daughter Emily Denise on September 24. John says Emily "will be well protected by older brothers George and Nicolas! We have just finished a two-year renovation on our home here in Rumson, N.J. Although sounding impressive, it was rather the result of turtle-paced contractors. Anyone else run into those? We have also been spending more time in our home on Nantucket, as my business schedule has permitted more flexibility. (Allows for more diaper-changing, too!)" ✳ Living in Dallas with his wife and two kids, **Steve Kinkead** writes: "I just left the corporate world (right after getting my MBA!) and am working as a freelance corporate writer and communications consultant. I see **Chris Peters** at Midd functions and on the lacrosse field occasionally, and hope to be back for reunion this year." ✳ In New England, **Dan Kahan** reports he's living in New Haven, Conn., where he's on the faculty at Yale Law School. ✳ **Tom Joyce** says he's "still working at EMC in Massachusetts, eight years and

counting, and has been VP of storage platforms marketing since January. Family is good—Julie (8) and Michael (7)." Tom sees Josh Klein '85, who also works at EMC. ✳ On March 24, 2005, Linda and **Bill Huckins** welcomed son Logan Samuel. Mason (4) was very excited to be a big brother. Living in Roslyn, N.Y., on Long Island, Bill and Linda regularly visit **John Corcoran** in New Canaan, Conn. John is the proud father of Peter Baker Corcoran, born June 27, 2005. Bill was also looking forward to getting together with **Chris Byers**. ✳ On the West Coast, **Pam Belanger Williamson** works part time and spends most of her time volunteering with her kids' swim team. In fact, she's taken up swimming competitively herself! "It gives me butterflies just thinking about competing, but I'm improving and it has been a great way to get—and stay—in shape." **Sue Rockwell**, a general practice doctor in upstate New York, visited last summer with her volcano-loving son (9). Pam also reports that for 10 years now, she and **Jeannie Beecher Bailey**, **Jill Turner**, and **Mary Cleveland Brown** meet regularly to see community plays. Jeannie's hands are a little full now since the arrival of third son Nathaniel, who joined Lucas (13) and Eli (2) in June. ✳ **Doug Babbitt** was recently awarded the Commercial Banking Award at Chittenden's annual awards banquet. He's a VP and senior client manager for Chittenden's commercial banking department in the Rutland, Vt., area. Doug and wife Carolyn live in Rutland with their children. ✳ **Naomi Greer** is director of communications for the Grocery Manufacturers of America. She was formerly director of communications at the American Gaming Association. ✳ **Bob Sakaniwa** reports he moved out of hip D.C. neighborhood Adams Morgan two years ago to the 'burbs in Silver Spring, Md. Why? What better place to raise daughters Sachiko (3) and Hanako (almost 2) with wife April Osajima, public policy director at Girls Inc. Bob works on Capitol Hill as senior counsel for Rep. Mike Honda (D-Calif.), handling immigration, labor, civil rights and some foreign affairs issues. He works with Jay Staunton '93 and always looks forward to having Midd externs work in the office. ✳ Once again, a quick thanks to those who are sending in updates and information. This is a good time to reconnect with classmates, as our 20th (yikes!) reunion is just around the corner—June 2–4, 2006!

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Becky and **Chris Dayton** are the new owners of the Vermont Book Shop on Main Street in downtown Middlebury. ✳ **Kimberley O'Sullivan Hall** is practicing plastic surgery in Wellesley, Mass., where she welcomes visitors and questions. She reports: "Our littlest darling, Sophie Nicola Ariane Hall, arrived May 20 to join her twin brothers, Timothy Michael and Alexander Bennett Hall, born August 16, 2003. They are all adorable, funny, and full of energy." ✳ Darien, Conn., resident **Dominic Napolitano** was recently elected to the board of Person-to-Person, an agency providing emergency and life skills assistance to neighbors in need throughout lower Fairfield County. Dominic is with Soros Fund Management. ✳ **Laurie Lane-Zucker**, president of the Triad Institute, gave the 2005 John Swan Lecture on Intellectual Freedom in Brattleboro, Vt. He spoke on "A New Vision of Citizenship for a Fast-Globalizing and Ecologically Challenged World." ✳ **Joe McVicker** was recently named president of GroveSite, provider of online collaboration workspaces for cross-company teams. He had been CTO of GroveSite since founding it in 2002. Prior to starting GroveSite, he designed and developed a number of collaboration products. ✳ During the month of October, 25 acrylic and oil paintings by **Sally Evans** were on display at the Morse Institute Library in Natick, Mass. Sally was teaching an evening course in ESL to international adults in Brookline, Mass., this fall. She enjoys it as a viable way to coordinate with the schedule of husband Matthias and their children, Chiara (6) and Cajetan (3). The family relocated to the U.S. in July, after living in various parts of Germany for the past nine years. ✳ **Gilles Rollet** reports that he is "now fully settled in Dubai with the family! My new e-mail is gilles.rollet@ae.abnamro.com." ✳ **Gretchen Young** and Coss Ratiambahiny were married in Yarmouthport, Mass., on August 9, 2003. Middlebury friends attending the celebration included **Georgette Csobaji**, **Lili Dyer**, **Jennifer Smith Schiffman**, **Brenda Johnson Cronin**, Amy Wright '86, Vicky Wideman '89, the bride's brother Jonathan Young '92, and summer language school friends Sally Handy (French School '88), and Nick Benson (M.A. Italian '91). Gretchen and Coss met in Coss's native Madagascar, where they lived for several years. They then moved to Dakar, Senegal, for two years and are now in NYC enjoying life with daughter Hailey Elizabeth Young-Bao, born October 31, 2004. They are not sure where they will settle next, but they welcome visitors wherever they are.

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We wanted to be sure to update you on classmates in areas hit by hurricanes. **Kenan Rand**, who evacuated his family from New Orleans, writes: "We were planning to move my wife and sons down from Wilson, N.C., where they have been living with my parents and in school and soccer leagues, to Lake Charles, La., where I had been setting up a temporary office for our law firm, when we had to bug out of there for Rita, a déjà-vac, that has deposited me in Clinton, La., where we had another temporary office running. Believe it or not, we were able to con our way back into Lake Charles after Hurricane Rita, but we will be without power there for a while. And so, the life of the nomad attorney continues. We will submit further updates, but please let all know that we are doing as well as we can under the circumstances." Kenan later wrote: "Back in New Orleans in my house now. We have power, water, gas, and even cable back, although the water is alleged to be safe for bathing but not drinking, not that it ever was..." ✳ **Jackie Woodfork** also got out of New Orleans before the storm and went to Austin. She's looking forward to getting back to the city and teaching in the spring, when Loyola Univ. New Orleans reopens. ✳ **Todd Merry** moved back to the Boston area (Duxbury, to be precise) after nine years in London: "Biggest adjustment has been to relearn my spelling—pyjamas, realise, optimise, etc." He's working with Digitas, a marketing agency, in their strategy group. Two years ago, Todd married Jessica Thorley in Chilmark, Mass. Middlebury folks in attendance included **Jen Doebler**, **John White**, **Larry Abbandando**, **Sam Smith**, Chris Macek '87, and **Catie Booras Rubarth**. Todd sees Larry Abbandando on a regular basis, even though Larry is living in Germany and running a vineyard. In late September, he had dinner with Jen Doebler and her husband, Pat Kelly, in New York. ✳ **David Gregoire** is still living in Los Angeles and recently went to work for the Screen Actors Guild as an in-house attorney. ✳ **Sara Folta** has earned her Ph.D. at Tufts Univ. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. She did her research on delivering nutrition messages to schoolchildren. ✳ **John Walker** has been named VP and interactive director of Scheffey Integrated Marketing, the firm formed by the recent merger of Scheffey Advertising and e-walker, an interactive marketing firm. John was founder and president of e-walker. ✳ **Michelle Millin Stroud** reports that things are going well in Mexico: "Life here is busy as usual, but very good. Steve's job is going well; despite the hours and pressure, he's generally enjoying this posting. I've been doing some pro-bono work for Habitat for Humanity Mexico, and am actually on the Regional Committee for Mexico City. I really love this organization, and I'm so proud of the work we're doing here. Come down and help us build some houses! I'm also running a portion of the Junior League here, and am interviewing for a position on their international board of directors. Both groups are Mexican, so I'm really getting to use my Spanish and I'm getting lots of good cultural experience. Socially, we've got a nice group of international friends, and we're slowly getting to know more of the country." They were heading to Cabos in the fall for a couple weeks of vacation: "I can't wait to spend some time on the beach with a good book!" ✳ **Antoinette van Zelm** reports the arrival of daughter Elizabeth Constance Nelson on April 15, 2004. **Matt Iler** announces his new pride and joy: daughter Lily Scott born June 17, 2005. Congratulations to both!

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In Blue Hill, Maine, **Sheryl Cole Stearns** is the new international student program director at George Stevens Academy, where husband David '87 chairs the social studies department. Their son, Aidan, is three. ✳ **Patricia Bauman Norton** is living in Thetford, Vt., with husband Tom and children Rebecca (13) and Seth (10): "I coach piano and voice, direct a few choirs and teach at Dartmouth's ILEAD program periodically. As my daughter reminds me, it's been awhile since college, but I still smile to think of good friends. Teresa, are you in one piece?" ✳ **Sarah Dumke** and husband Chad Walters report an August move to San Francisco, where they are loving their new house.

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Bette and **Steve Fitzpatrick**, who teach at the Hackley School, have bought a house in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., where they live with kids Rian (5) and Kiri (3). Rian is in kindergarten at Hackley. Steve was appointed the director of curriculum last year and was awarded a trustee's chair for excellence in teaching. Last summer, Steve spent a few days with Karl Michalko '91 in Rochester. Karl is an orthopedic surgeon at Strong Memorial Hospital. ✳ **Jim**

and Piper Lounsbury '92 **Stover** welcomed daughter Finlay in summer 2004. She joins sister Isla. ✳ **Phil Mahoney** and wife Nicole also have two daughters, since Elizabeth arrived last summer to join sister Mary. ✳ **Rob Delorie**, **Greg Frezados**, Steve Fitzpatrick, and Phil Mahoney have kept their tradition of meeting at Middlebury Homecoming each year since graduation. ✳ **Jeff Stoner** was in Baghdad for six months working with the State Department last fall and winter. The Stoners have two children, Kyle (5) and Victoria (2). ✳ **Keith Fagan** recently returned from a work stint in Tokyo with wife and child (son Harry). ✳ **Kent Anderson** moved to Australia four years ago to take a position at the Australian National Univ. Teaching in both the law school and Asian Studies, he spends a couple of months each year in Japan. Over Thanksgiving 2004 he got to entertain **Phelps Wood** for a week in Tokyo. Kent writes: "My son (8) is a bit rugby and cricket mad. I 'help' with coaching and have improved my drop kicking, not to mention spin bowling, tremendously. I will be visiting prof. at Univ. of Wash. in Seattle next Northern autumn while I'm on sabbatical and hope to catch up with Grog, Phelps, Marphy, and others." ✳ **Doug Meyer** would like friends to look him up when in London (douglas.meyer@gs.com), where he works for Goldman Sachs Asset Management. He and wife Stafford have a daughter, Reagan (4)—who is developing a British accent—and a son, JT (2). In August, Doug had lunch in Boston with **Bob Popeo**, **Andy Frey**, and **Gregg Beloff**. He sees Hunt Roeder '91 when on business in NYC. ✳ **Bill Krolicki**, wife Vicki, and daughter Emma have moved to Hong Kong to pursue their dream of living and working in Asia. Bill has discovered that he is a popular guest for Chinese business dinners, where people latch on to him as a conversation rejuvenator: "As a foreigner who speaks decent Chinese, it's like bringing a talking dog to the party." ✳ **Devon Daney** is a small-town family doctor in the mountains of western Colorado. She writes: "We had our first child, Molly Rose, last February!" ✳ **Jodi Mitchell-Vilano** welcomed daughter Catherine in April 2004. She helps husband Robert run his telecom consulting business and does part-time work for a not-for-profit corporation: "I make it up North from Miami a few times a year and drove through Middlebury last Christmas after visiting Marc '91 and **Jill Herbster Bujold** and their daughters in Williston. Aside from getting a chance to see the tremendous changes (albeit from the car, because it was four below zero), I also got to introduce Robert to the wonders of the Dog Team Tavern. When winter/spring comes, I'm usually lucky to have plenty of visitors from up North." Last spring, Jodi had a visit from **Meredith Binder**, a veterinarian in D.C.; she also got together with the Bujolds for some beach time in Sanibel Island. ✳ Long time no hear from **Jon Lenicheck**, who married Jen Berezny in August 2004 and bought a place at the end of summer: "Just call me Bob Vila—although Tim Allen might be more like it when it comes to fixing things." Still working for U.S. Congressman Mike Capuano, Jon is the deputy district director. "I'm finding that my B.A. in history isn't as useful as I'd expected, as I spend most of my time on transportation and energy issues. Just think Big Dig." Jon claims to have finally retired from Australian Rules Football when his knees went for good in 2003. Jon played Aussie Rules (described by **Bill Eaton** to his wife as the game rugby players think crazy people play) from 1999–2003 with the Boston Demons in the U.S.

Lamia Bennis McKearn '93: "Life here in Baton Rouge has changed a lot."

Australian Football League, and was the Boston club president in 2000 and 2001, and the USAFL president in 2002. ✳ In May 2005, **Lory Myerson** and husband Rob Bender became the proud parents of daughter Lillian Hannah Bender. ✳ Thomas and **Wendy Bagwell Cleary Prowell** announce the arrival in May of daughter Abby, who joins big brother Sam (6), four dogs and three cats on Vashon Island, outside Seattle. With an M.A. in U.S. history (Univ. of Wash.), Wendy is a part-time freelance technical editor, mostly on projects for Microsoft. ✳ **Laura Rude Barletta** has met and married the hairy Italian guy that had eluded her at Middlebury: "His name is Vincent (Vinny, of course) and he is the love of my life. We have three children—Charlotte (9), Vinny (7), and Violet (5)." The Barletta's live in Weston, Mass. Laura reports that she hasn't heard from Cassie Hartmann '91 very much since she married a nice guy from New Zealand and moved down under. ✳ **Denny Taylor**, who works in HR consulting with Right Management Consultants, and wife Alex live in Boerum Hill, Brooklyn. He reports they were there before Smith Street was so "hip and trendy." They have a son Matthew (2). ✳ **Tim Berry** became a top lobbyist for media giant Time Warner in October. He said he had no intention of leaving DeLay's office (where he had been chief of staff since August 2002), but Time Warner officials approached him recently with an offer he couldn't turn down. As VP of global public policy in Time Warner's D.C. office, Tim will lobby Congress and the Bush administration, as well as help the company interact with federal regulators on a number of policy issues. Tim and wife Lisa Barcley (a lawyer) live in D.C. with children Ella and Christopher. ✳ **Josh Yaguda** and wife Joeli live in Paso Robles, Calif., with daughters Isabella (5) and Veda (3). While his primary job is in private money lending, he and his family also operate Willow Creek Olive Ranch, producers of award-winning olive oil (www.pasolivo.com), where Midd alums get a 10 percent discount. You can read about Pasolivo in the November issue of *Food and Wine* magazine.
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Chris '90 and **Sloane Stephens Awtrey** have moved to Boston. Chris works at Beth Israel Hospital, while Sloane is busy taking care of Ben (5), Schuyler (2), and golden retriever Elsa. ✳ **Allison Ross Hanna** is an executive producer at *Entertainment Weekly*, overseeing their television projects. ✳ Congratulations to several new parents! **Wendy Burgbacher** and husband Jo-Jo Koo are enjoying their new daughter, Zoe Sophia Zhuang-Yi Koo, born on April 1, 2005. Wendy is a German teacher at Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, Pa. ✳ **Heather Cheney** and husband Philip Rosier have a new daughter, Eleanor Cheney Rosier, born July 22. They're still living in Cambridge, Mass. Heather planned to return to work in estate planning at U.S. Trust in October. ✳ **Heidi Ripley Fowler** and husband Harry welcomed daughter Elizabeth Claire on August 21. Heidi completed her MBA at Michigan State in December 2004. She has also been in touch with **Dawn Dispenza Ray**, who lives in Clayton, N.C., with husband Paul and son Mason Paul, born on September 5. ✳ **Bill Driscoll**, wife Laurel, and children Robby and Kaitlyn will be relocating from Atlanta to the Boston area during the first part of 2006. Bill has been promoted to New England district president for Robert Half International, so he's overseeing all of the company's operations in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.
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Tammy Caruso Dalton, who recently joined a hedge fund as a partner, has moved with her husband and two daughters from the NYC suburbs to St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands! She would love messages and visitors (tammy.dalton@gmail.com). ✳ **Karen Matta** and husband Michiharu Oshima (married in August 2003) are living in Massachusetts. She writes: "Since graduating from Smith College School for Social Work in 2001 with my MSW, I've been working as a child and adolescent psychotherapist. I'm in the process of applying to Ph.D. programs in social work. Would love to hear from Midd folks at kmmatta@hotmail.com." ✳ Taylor '90 and **Libby Shepard Hall** and daughters Bettina (5) and Elsie (1) live in Jackson, Wyo. Taylor works at Teton Village Sports, while Libby is home with the kids. With Bettina starting kindergarten this fall, Libby is getting involved at her school. She writes that "Jackson boasts a pretty healthy population of Midd grads, and it seems like more and more of us have kids in school/activities together. We look forward to catching glimpses of visiting Midd skiers too." ✳ **Alyssa Gallin Smith** and husband Doug welcomed David Sebastian on June 17, 2005. The Smiths were moving from Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, to Brussels, due to Doug's job with the State Department. ✳ **Janine Rubitski** and husband Chris Faranetta welcomed Alexander John Faranetta on September 6, 2005. They live in Alexandria, Va., and Janine planned to return to work at Nextel after maternity leave. ✳ Casey Carlisle Smith arrived on September 25, much to the delight of his parents, Gary and **Lori Calise Smith**. (And Uncle Jim Calise '88, of course.) ✳ For academic year 2005–2006, **Cynthia Gabriel** and **Felix Paulick** moved from Toronto to Ann Arbor, where Cynthia is doing a postdoc in population studies at the Univ. of Mich. She's also writing a book about natural birth in North America, giving her the opportunity to interview women about their birth experiences and attend many births. She writes that she loves her job! Now a stay-at-home dad with Sylvia (4) and Calvin (2), Felix has started a four-year training program to become a Gestalt therapist, which takes him back to Toronto one weekend a month. In July, they got together in New Hampshire with **Maria Aliberti**,

John Logan, and **Dave Bergeron** and **Ritu Verma** and their daughter, Keya. Cynthia reports: "Maria (who is doing a Ph.D. in "bugology") taught Sylvia all about the insects at the lake. Sylvia remains an enthusiastic collector of insect exoskeletons. Dave and Ritu were in transit between their former home in Mumbai, India, and their new home in Singapore. We heard from **Kashif Zafar** that weekend as well. He and Sujatha (Menon) '94 have two very active boys. Kashif worked on the Kerry campaign and has founded an organization to advance understanding of Islam in the U.S. and to increase Muslim citizens' participation in politics." ✳ **Helen McCabe** is teaching at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in New York. Her dissertation work was on autism and education in China. ✳ **Chelsea Dippel Cloeter** lives in Waukesha, Wis., where she teaches voice lessons and designs books. ✳ **Joydip Ghosh** is living in London with wife Fiona and son Jamini-Joseph Jiban Ghosh (3). An investment banker for about 10 years, Joydip is now responsible for a group which structures liability products for hedge funds and private equity FOFs. In London, he has seen **Caroline Sahakian** and also **Andy Makuku**, who was passing through on one of his "global jaunts." ✳ In Alaska, **Jen Jolliff** is doing custom artwork installations and teaching printmaking classes at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. During the summer she was hired to design a 150-foot-long mural, now on display in the Anchorage Town Square. ✳ Bates College recently named **Doug Ginevan** assistant VP for financial planning and analysis. He had served for six years as a VP for operations at Aramark, an international facilities and dining services company. Doug's wife, Kim, is a pathologist with Spectrum Medical Group, and they have two kids. ✳ **Gavin** and **Denise Getty Symes** live in Newburyport, Mass., with daughter Grace (5) and son Henry (3). Gavin is the new VP at Symes Associates (residential developers), while he is concurrently focusing on political science in the Boston College Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Ph.D. program.

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Lots of fall news from **Lamia Bennis McKearn**: "Life here in Baton Rouge has changed a lot. The first two weeks after Katrina were very dramatic. I had to shut down my business for 10 days because we had no electricity. Then there were rumors of riots at the shelter downtown (close to where my store is located), so people were wary of driving to that part of the city. (And by the way, the rumors were just that: rumors.) Business was just terrible the month of September. The phone lines are overloaded, so I've become a pro at text messaging. It's on a different wavelength so texts go through, as opposed to calls. And the traffic is total madness! It used to take me 20 minutes to get home from work when leaving at 5; now it takes me an hour and 15 minutes. On a more positive note, everyone is finally coming to terms with the fact that life has to go on. Those families that have relocated to Baton Rouge (200,000 people) are settling in, the kids are in school, new businesses have also relocated from New Orleans to B.R. And people are so nice here, everyone is very accommodating. The traffic is bad, but everyone stays very patient. It's something we are going to have to deal with for the next few years (until new roads are built), so there's no need to get all stressed out about it." Thanks, Lamia. We'll be shopping at your site (www.habitatimports.com) and hoping things go well for you! ✳ **Matt Hale** wrote recently: "This summer I moved to Baltimore and Goucher College, where I teach American and Atlantic-world history. I finished my Ph.D. at Brandeis Univ. three years ago. I'm enjoying life in Baltimore and here at Goucher College." He's also happy to be living near his brother, sister-in-law, and two nephews in the area. ✳ **David J. Anderson** and wife Ariane Baczynski '95 are living in Burlington, Vt., with children Madeleine and Zed. Ariane is clerking for federal Magistrate Jerry Neidermeier, while David has gone from temping, acting, teaching, bartending, nannying, and tutoring to trying a new career: professional poker player. Watch for more news about David's career in an upcoming issue. ✳ After leading the Williams women's hockey team to a 29–20–2 record in two years, **Neil Sinclair** has moved on to coach Skidmore men's ice hockey team. ✳ Meanwhile, **Rick Merriam**, who was assistant athletic director for three seasons at Colorado College, has accepted a similar position at Brown in Providence, R.I. ✳ **Sean Casten**, CEO of Turbo Steam Corp., collaborated with folks in Midd's facilities services to collect data and prepare the application for the recent 2005 Energy Star Award. Midd's central heating plant cogeneration system got the award. ✳ **John "Jay" Staunton** was excited to be taking some Middlebury externs up to Capitol Hill recently. ✳ **Annmarie Benedict** and Jeff Pagliano were married on October 23, 2004. **Christian Parker**, **Kristin Ketterer**, and **Karin Seminack McLaughlin** attended the festivities in Brooklyn. Annmarie reports: "We have settled in Park Slope. Jeff and I are both actors, while I also work part time at Atlantic Philanthropies in their human rights grantmaking program." ✳ Michael and **Jen Gould Cippoletti** welcomed son Kane Blanchard on December 19, 2004. Says Jen: "When not prying sticky fingers off the keyboard, I work from home in Darien, Conn., for West-Coast-based Evans/McDonough, a political polling firm." ✳ **Maria Diaz** has left the safety of the CNN nest, her news home of five years, for the opportunity to launch elyellamagazine.com, a new Latino magazine. Coming soon, it will be starting online and work its way up from there.

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After working at Andersen, Ernst & Young, **Nicholas Nebolsine** has now settled at Pricewaterhouse-Coopers as part of the worldtrade management services practice: "We assist multinational companies with their customs and trade issues all around the world." ✳ **Vanessa Branch** was the featured model for women's evening fashions in the July 20 issue of *Beverly Hills 213*. The shoot took place at the Regent Beverly Wilshire. ✳ **Lisa Clapp** has joined the law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP as an associate in the tax, trusts, and estates department. She's working in the firm's Woodbridge, N.J., office. ✳ **Sharon Vanwright** is the coordinator of academic success in the Univ. of N.C. at Pembroke's office of advisement and retention. She was responsible for the development of a new peer study support program being launched during the fall semester. ✳ **Evelyn Holley** recently moved back to NYC to continue her pursuit of acting. She made her off-off Broadway debut playing the lead role of Denise Savage in John Patrick Shanley's *Savage in Limbo* at the Gene Frankel Theatre. ✳ **Jenifer Foss Smyth** and husband John have moved back to the San Francisco Bay Area after four years in the Boston area. On January 30, 2005, son Alexander joined sister Lily (3). ✳ Brett and **Kristen Roeder Smith** are delighted to announce the arrival of son Carson Anthony on June 17, 2005. ✳ **Brett Harman Rugg** and husband William have two sons now: Carter Harman (2) and Travis Rockwell (born July 18, 2005). "The brothers are getting on fabulously!" ✳ Matt and **Alison Bevin Love** report the arrival of their second child, Colton Ryan Love, on August 16, 2005: "Colton is a miracle baby, who was delivered four weeks early as a stillborn because of complications from a rare illness called hydrops fetalis. However, due to a medical miracle and his own will to live, the team present at his birth was able to resuscitate him, stabilize him, and transport him via Flight for Life to Denver, where he recovered from his illness for nine weeks. Colton is home and doing very well." ✳ **Johanna Chapin** and husband Steve Heckler welcomed their first child, Catherine Frances Chapin, on August 25, 2005. ✳ **Jamie Wood** and wife Carie recently welcomed son Matty to the family: "He's doing very well and enjoys playing hockey with all of the girls on my team." (That's at Warner Hockey School, no doubt.) ✳ **Cedric Edwards** received his diploma along with 1,600 other graduates of the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM) in Cuba on August 20. Cuba opened ELAM's doors to qualified U.S. students in 2000. His studies were completely free, with room-and-board expenses, textbooks, and tuition all paid for by Cuba. The students, in turn, pledge to work in needy and underserved communities after graduating. Cedric, who wants to specialize in internal medicine, is the first U.S. graduate of ELAM. He didn't speak any Spanish when he went to Cuba: "I got a lot of help from my classmates and professors. I realized I was fluent when I didn't have to carry the dictionary around anymore."

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June 2005 brought the long-awaited 10th reunion of the Class of 1995: 126 of our classmates attended, with a total of 175 people including family and friends. If you were there, you know what a fun time we all had seeing so many of our classmates. The voices echoing through the 10th reunion tent on Battell Field told of the excitement in catching up with old friends. Being back on campus and in town, with dancing in McCullough and hanging out at Up's, made the 10 years gone by seem like no time at all. If you were not able to make it to reunion, be sure to mark your calendars for 2010! ✳ **Lance Klingler** recently joined Concord Orthopedics Professional Association as an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hand surgery. He completed a fellowship in hand and micro vascular surgery at Brown, after attending medical school at Vanderbilt and doing an orthopedic residency at Southern Ill. Univ. ✳ **Andrew McQuide** has joined Bassett Healthcare as an anesthesiologist. He completed his residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and a transitional residency at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, Conn. ✳ **Terra**

MCAA Nominees

For the term of office beginning July 2006, the slate of nominees for Alumni Trustee and the Board of Directors of the Middlebury College Alumni Association is:

Alumni Trustee

Susan J. Scher '86

Board of Directors

Romulo C. Braga '03

Palmer E. Kippola '87

Jason A. Oleet '00

Mridul A. Rahman '94

Biographical information for these candidates is available online at www.middleburyalumni.org.

To appear in the online spring ballot, additional nominations must be received by April 1, 2006. These nominations must include a signed letter of acceptance, updated biographical information, a photo, and 200 alumni endorsing the nominee. Approval of the slate will take place during April by logging on to the College Web site: www.middleburyalumni.org. For a paper ballot, more information, or to submit nominees, please contact the Alumni Office, Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753; phone 802-443-5777; fax 802-443-2082; alumni@middlebury.edu.

Reilly (sansivera@hotmail.com) writes from Seattle, where she has been living for nine years: "I left Microsoft a few years ago and took some time off to be a climbing bum and ski patroller. I figured I'd better get back to work, so I started a marketing agency and consulting business last year. We focus on interactive content and the high-tech industry." Terra was trying to wedge as much climbing in Squamish, B.C., into her schedule as she could before the Pacific Northwest rain sets in again. ✳ In May 2005, **Nicole Mathews Engler** received a J.D. degree from the Univ. of Calif. Hastings School of Law in San Francisco. While attending Hastings, Nicole interned at both the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of California, and the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. She lives in San Francisco with husband Joe and daughters Isabella (3) and Keira (1). ✳ Congratulations to **Anne Walker** and Aleksandr Matviak, who were married in Ashfield, Mass., on June 25. They met on a city bus while on their way to Columbia Univ., where both received master's degrees, hers in historic preservation and his in real estate development. ✳ On September 16, **Jeremy Sacco** married Cyndi McDonald, a St. Anselm's graduate from Shrewsbury, Mass. "We're living in Waltham, where it's all very nice and happy and mushy." ✳ Dan and **Jessica Loveys Cox** recently moved to Florham Park, N.J. They celebrated the birth of daughter Casey Loveys Cox on February 7, 2005. ✳ March 31 was the birthday of Anna Claire Thieman. Her parents are Joe and **Amy Bertelsen Thieman**. She joins brother Luke (2). ✳ A double congrats to **Harlan** and **Sarah Carlat Kennedy**, who welcomed twin girls, Ava and Eloise, on July 11 in San Francisco. They join big brother Wyatt (2.5). Harlan works in advertising at Venables, Bell and Partners, and Sarah's enjoying being a full-time mom. ✳ More baby news comes from **Kevin** and **Sarah Bechen Raymond**, who moved back to Sarah's hometown of Portland, Ore., last year. Sarah writes: "Kevin is an investment consultant to foundations and endowments, and I've kept busy with Owen (2.5). On August 12 of this year, Owen became a big brother to Madeleine. Owen is very enthusiastic in showing his great affection for his sister; 'gentle' is now the family watchword." ✳ Be sure to send us your news; e-mail either Emily or JP. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Secretaries Fletcher and Shattuck met up at Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September. We enjoyed a beautiful weekend in Vermont and were able to do a little 10th reunion planning with **Marlisa Simonson**, **Amy Schwenker Kamosa**, and **Rachel Shapiro**, who were also in attendance. **Craig Beni** was there with wife Jocelyn Nill Beni '97. One of the many wonderful activities was a viewing of the documentary *Keeper of the Kohn* about legendary Middlebury equipment and field manager (and recent inductee into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame) Peter Kohn. It's available on DVD and can be purchased through the College bookstore. We highly recommend it and are buying multiple copies as gifts for family and friends. ✳ Speaking of documentaries, a wonderful feature was recently produced following the last days of Dispatch and their final concert in Boston. Visit www.dispatchmovie.com and **Brad Corrigan**'s Web site (www.braddigan.com) for his tour schedule. ✳ The new **Laura Thomas** Band CD, *Step to the Wire*, is DONE! Go to http://cdbaby.com/cd/laurat3." ✳ Using hip-hop music as a conduit to help people get their money right, **Terence Bradford** recently did a 50-state college tour: "I am going to different colleges and doing a lecture and Q&A to students on the importance of debt freedom and financial independence and then I do a performance of my songs." He was profiled in the August 22 *Fortune* magazine, "The Rap on Wall Street: Citigroup banker by day, hip-hop performer by night." To join in on the effort, e-mail Terence at tbradford1@nyc.rr.com. ✳ **David Wolman** has a new book out about being left-handed: *A Left-Hand Turn Around the World: Chasing the Mystery and Meaning of All Things Southpaw.* ✳ After grad school, **Alex Causton** started working for Catholic Relief Services: "I was initially in Burkina Faso, West Africa, and then was transferred to South Asia shortly after the tsunami. After eight months of working on a relief-reconstruction program in Sri Lanka, I'm just now moving to Pakistan. My sister, Natasha Causton, has moved back to Vermont, where she's teaching at CCV and getting used to winters with my two beautiful little nephews! Over summer, we traveled to Bainbridge (near Seattle) for the wedding of **Christina Pease** and **Jonathan Carver**." ✳ **Brett Figlewski** continues to enjoy living in NYC, where he's working as a staff attorney for Sanctuary for Families, a non-profit dedicated to helping survivors of domestic violence. ✳ **Shannon Donnelly** and husband Jeff Pregman live in Virginia, outside D.C., with their Bernese mountain dog canine kids. Shannon is an attorney at Dickstein Shapiro Morin and Oshinsky. Jeff, the information assurance awareness manager for the Air Force Pentagon Communications Agency, is getting licensed to teach and doing some contractor work in his spare time. ✳ **Gregory Guido** is an associate with the Praedium Group LLC. He formerly worked at Liquid Realty Partners. ✳ **Rachel Shapiro** moved back to Princeton, N.J., in June 2004 to be a health policy research analyst at Mathematica Policy Research. She has seen Marlisa Simonson, Anne Yarbro '95, Nicole Greco '95, Christina Westfall '95, and Alison Potts '88. At Wesleyan Univ., Marlisa has been promoted to associate director for employer relations within the Career Resource Center. ✳ **Robynne Maii** is the director of culinary and pastry arts at the Art Institute of NYC. Just like our years in Stewart and Forest, she reports that **Mo Renganathan** lives only two doors down the hall in her Queens apartment building! ✳ **Jen Sangster Popick** and husband Hobart (Russian School '94) are having fun keeping up with son Ethan (2). They live in Melrose, Mass., where Jen is a full-time mom and Hobart is an attorney. ✳ Living just outside D.C., **Kaliope Azzi-Huck** is working for the World Bank and chasing around after Sami (2). In July, Kali and husband Andrew welcomed second son Daniel. She often sees **Cindy Martinez** and **April Bolton-Smith**—although recently, April has been studying for the bar, so no one has seen her! In November, Kali hosted a mini-reunion with friends Marlisa Simonson, **Shannon Forbush**, and Robynne Maii. ✳ On May 20, 2005, Henry Arthur Causton Hunsdorfer joined brother Timothy and parents **Natasha Causton** and Scott Hunsdorfer. They welcome visitors to their Middlebury area home. Natasha has been in touch with **Melissa Morrissey Jattne**. Melissa and Emil '98 became the parents of daughter Stella on September 5. Emil graduated from Tuck School of Business in June and got a marketing position at Bacardi for the Grey Goose label. The Jattnes moved from NYC down to Miami, where Melissa is staying at home with the baby. ✳ In Lexington, Mass., Brad '95 and **Kara Lachowitz Libby** welcomed daughter Emily Katherine on August 3, 2005. Emily joins big sister Allison (1.5). ✳ **Lisa Jankowsky Brawn**, husband Darius '95, and son Julian (1.5) welcomed Annabel Emma on August 25. The Brawn family lives in NYC. ✳ **Joel** and **Sacha Quijano Grippando** happily announce the arrival of son Owen Ellison on August 27. ✳ The July 16 marriage of **Jennifer Locke** and Matthew Davitt took place in Cataumet, Mass. Jennifer is a law librarian at the Georgetown Univ. Law School; her husband is employed by Sorg and Associates. ✳ **Jess Angell** married Sean Moore on July 30, 2005, in Little Compton, R.I. Jess teaches English and coaches field hockey at Pingree in South Hamilton, Mass., while Sean teaches 18th-century English and Irish literature at the Univ. of N.H. in Durham. ✳ **Josh Braunstein** was married on September 10, 2005, in Thompson, Conn., to Erin Shoor. Attendees included **Jay Auth**, **Michael Kreisel**, **Derek Brown**, **Blaine Davis**, and **Chris Loudon**. ✳ **Kelly Bergman Berge** recently took husband Todd to Vancouver, where they visited with **Annie Lam**, Alvin Ung '94, and **Ephie** and **Alice Chen Risho**. Now teaching fifth grade in Minnesota, Kelly is hoping to make it back to Midd for our reunion, June 2–4, 2006! ✳ Please continue to send us your news. We love hearing from you!

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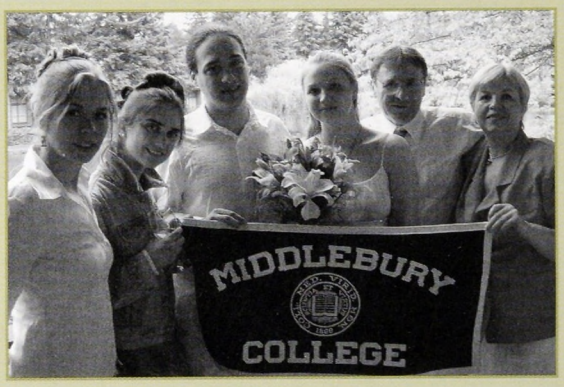
Lilia Gerberg graduated from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in May and moved to

WEDDINGS

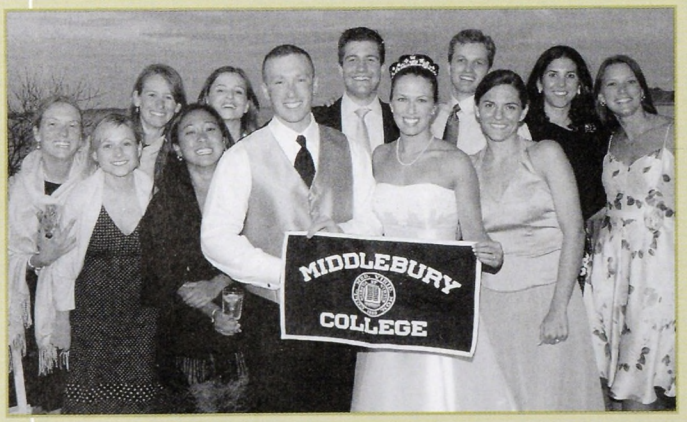
The marriage of Katie Melland and Eric Lowe '98 took place on April 16, 2005. The newlyweds display the Middlebury banner with (all '98 unless noted) Peter Austin '99, Steve Anderson, Fred Johansson, Aaron Baggish '97, Andrew Brodie, Scott Wiecinski '99, Don Devondorf, Dan Ackerman, and Mike Stineman.

Gathering at the Wequassett Inn in Chatham, Mass., to celebrate the September 10, 2004, wedding of Lindsay Ritter '99 and Forrest Westin '99 were (all '99 unless noted) Daniel Meyer, Jon-Erik Borgen, Scott Dudley, John Overbay, Jed Harris, Matthew Walker, (back row) Donald Booth '58, Cate Devlin, John Couch, Kelly Box Couch '00, the newlyweds, Lindsey Huenink, Amy Flanders Harris '97, CJ Diamond, and Hallie Hughes Diamond. Eric Larsen missed the photo.

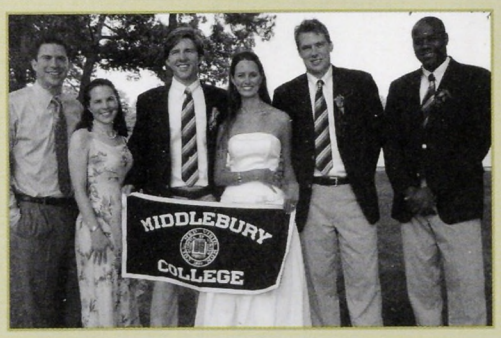
Newlyweds Cynthia McDonald and Jeremy Sacco '95 celebrate their marriage on September 16, 2005. They're living in Waltham, Mass.



The gathering in Redmond, Wash., for the May 2005 civil ceremony uniting Iuliana Marinov '03 and Mihai Aldea in marriage included Irina Marinov '98, Sally Olson '03, the newlyweds, and the bride's parents, Corneliu Marinov (visiting prof. of physics, 2000) and Anca Marinov (visiting prof. of physics, 2001). A religious ceremony took place later in Bucharest, Romania.



The April 24, 2005, marriage of Kristin Borden '99 and Drew O'Malley took place at the Wequassett Inn Resort and Golf Club in Chatham, Mass., where they celebrated with (all '99 unless noted) Lisa Cote Boucher, Jeanne Lee, the newlyweds, Elizabeth Huffman Kaplan, (back) Emily Evans Johnson, Alison Vratil Mikula, Kate Swan, Ian Malin, Sebastien Bilodeau '97, Melissa Stewart Bilodeau, and Amy Ferenz Hampe.



On June 11, 2005, Kip Digges '98 married Amy Quinn Dugan on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Celebrating the occasion were Dan Rosenfeld '99, Mandy Levine Rosenfeld '98, the newlyweds, Brad Gay '98, and Elijah Irby '98.

The marriage of Julianne Frisbie '02 and Michael Schloat (Williams '01) took place on June 18, 2005, at the Camp Dudley Chapel in Westport, N.Y. Following the ceremony, they celebrated with Middlebury friends at the Ausable Club in St. Huberts, N.Y.: Elizabeth Donnan '02, Johanna Michaels Kreisel '02, Katharine Johnston '02, Brooke Hayes '02, the bride, Christine Huwer '02, R. Latta Browse '78, Stacey Gorski Spring '99, and Michelle Drimmer '02.

Friends, family, and Midd Alumni spanning 40 years celebrated the June 11, 2005, marriage of Cameron Brown '99 and Mark Garriepy at the Harding Allen Estate in Barre, Mass. Celebrating despite the heat were (all '99 unless noted) Rian Alfiero '97, Alex Loth '98, Nathan Sanborn (husband of Heather), Erik Maulbetsch, Russell Heaton '60, Frank Wildermann, Glenn Edwards, Chris Vourlias, Jared Bartok, (standing) Allen Cowett, Jenn Gelb Carbee '97, Naomi Schaefer Riley '98, Heather Barrett Sanborn '97, the newlyweds, Kate Mielke '01, Lizzie Herman, Anne Marie Calareso, Angela Goldrick, Christine Tolis '03, Elena Russo, Becca Hayes, and Yseult Tyler. Judy Zamore missed the photo.

Courtney Slautterback '96 and Rammy Harwood '94 were married on June 4, 2005, in Carmel, Calif. Dinner and dancing followed at Tehama. Middlebury friends singing the Fight Song included Monte '94 and Heidi Zecher Burke '93, Pete '55 and Jane Hallenbeck Zecher '56, Darren Zecher-Lilley '79, Megan Shattuck '96, Carol Holmes Shattuck '67, Jim Shattuck '62, John '93 and Blakely Anderson Atherton '92, Sam Martini '96, Kevin '96 and Jenny Walton Burke '98, Jamie Houghtlin '96 and Erika Crane-Stern '99, Steve Boyd '96, Chris Chiappa '93, Sarah Kramer '96, Ari Kriegsman '96, Zack Free '96, Bain Smith '96, Alex Dessouky '96, Michael "Pic" Walker '93, Chris Fagan '93, Josh Sobeck '96, Steve Halloran '94, Steve Marsh '94, Matt Nadel '94, Chris Ziebarth '94, Sid Williamson '94, Dick Cameron '94 and Lynelle Preston '91, Hann Livingston '94, Tyler Vadeboncoeur '94, Mike Hainen '94, Peter '94 and Alex Mackintosh Aspbury '94, and Dana '94 and Mara Fischbacher Gibson '95.

In Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Anne Holloway '98 and Kevin Fitzpatrick were married on June 11, 2005. In attendance from Middlebury were (all '98 unless noted) Sarah Nunamaker, Ellen Holloway '00, Suwha Hong, Tim Weld, Alice Martin, the newlyweds, Nick Owsley '97, Rebecca Sama, Patrick Holloway '91, Laura Christian '94, Amy Heebner '93, and Jennifer Cleary.

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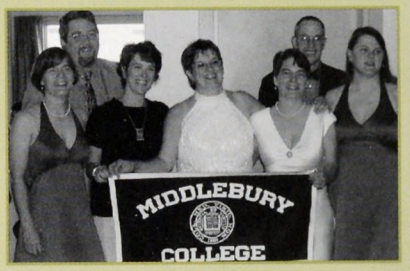
Gathering in Montreal, Quebec, for the June 25, 2005, marriage of Caroline Trudeau and Steve Monninger '98 were many Middlebury athletic friends and faculty, including Andy McPhee '98, Julia Bergofsky '02, the newlyweds, (back) Erin Quinn '86, Pam Lawson Quinn '88, Sue Parsons Ritter '83, Bob Ritter '82, Jane Mandigo, Bill Mandigo, Rusty Dolleman '98, Ron Nobile '98, Michelle Labbe '01, Ian Berger '98, Christa McDougall '00, Christopher Vaughan '98, Joanie Smith, Bob Smith, Carol Heinecken, and Mickey Heinecken.

Alanna Shanley '99 and Jason Golder '98 were married under a softly falling snow in Waitsfield, Vt., on March 12, 2005. Celebrating from Middlebury were Rick Greene '75, Frank Ott '98, the newlyweds, Kevin Sullivan '96, Ted Adler '99, (second row) Jon Mone '98, Malaya Rivera-Drew '99, Buffy Hastings '99, Liz Frankel '99, Kate Landis Loewengart '99, Erin Harrington '99, Holen Miles '99 (back row) Karen Anderson Greene '76, Mike Moisio '96, Mike Loewengart '98, Shannon Nguyen '95, Hieu Nguyen '92, and Steve Sass '78.

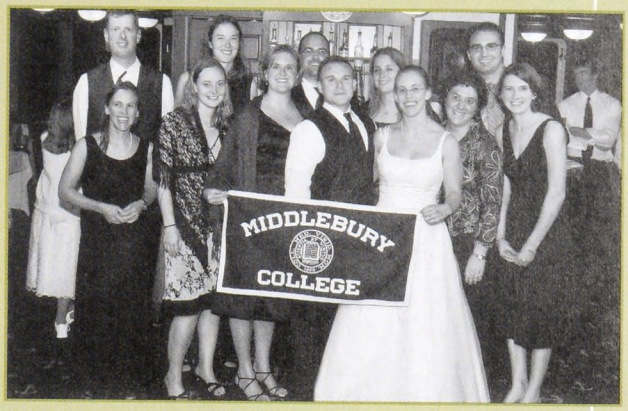


Margaret Clark '87 married Nilda Laboy in Marblehead, Mass., on September 24, 2005. Sharing in their joy were Sarah Clark Baskin '87, Heather Galloway '87, Nilda Laboy Clark, Margaret Clark '87, Katie Edwards '90, (back row) Robert Jenkins '87, and William Baskin '85.

The strength of the hills was celebrated by Middlebury friends following the September 17, 2005, wedding of Christina Pease '96 and Jonathan Carver '96 in Seattle (all '96 unless noted): Chris Carver '98, the newlyweds, Bethany Johnson, Kelly Turner, Beryl Pease Josephson '58, Lyne Lau (M.A. French '66), (back row) Chris Lyons '98, Mash Alexander '93, Dave Wolman '96, Jonathan Butler, Mike Hatada '98, Alexandra Causton, Nicola Pinson, and Natasha Causton.

In Newburyport, Mass., Rosa Maria Rogers '00 and Marc Maloney were married on July 16, 2005. Celebrating with them at the Ipswich Country Club were Kathleen Francis '01 and Hilary Poremski '00.

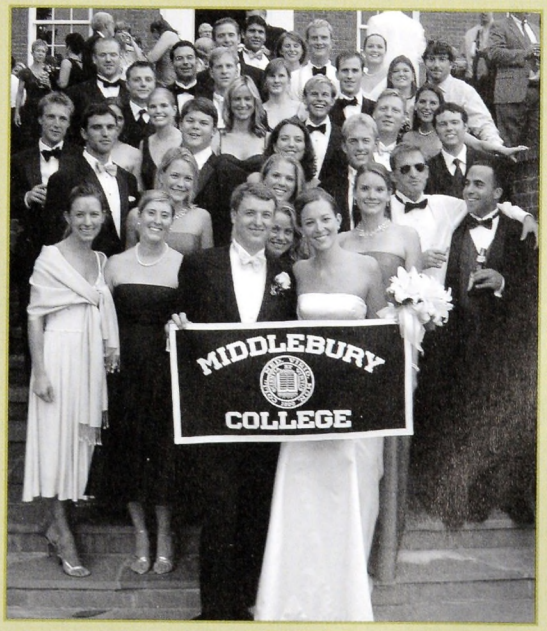
Overlooking the Dolomite Mountains, Gisela Williams '93 and Carsten Kramer were married on October 1, 2005, at Kematen in Klobenstein, Italy. Converging on the four-day festivities were '93 Middlebury friends Nicholas Woods, the newlyweds, Soo Kang, Tom Evans, Julia Kay, Tom Cunningham, Ehsun Khan (and his son, foreground), Dennis Williams '62 (father of the bride), Daniel Zawistowski, David Ferris, and Suzanne Schneider.



Kate Wright '01 and Shannon Kelly were married aboard a boat on Lake Champlain, off Shelburne, Vt. Celebrating with them on October 8, 2005, were (all '01 unless noted) Tim Battista '90, Judith Wright Battista '90, Meredith Livoti, Kristy Laramee Kerin, Kelly Knapp, Will Wright '88, the newlyweds with Kathrin Platt behind, Jess Stahl, John Colianni, and Jean Burr.

When Nell Fox '97 and Nathaniel Savage were married on July 30, 2005, in Trinity Church, Boston, the wedding party included bridesmaid Kath Keen '97, maid of honor Katie Flanagan '97, and ushers Porter Fox '94 and Willy Fox (husband of Nancy Hastings Fox '94).

Anne Haig and Andrew May '05 were married October 8, 2005, at Park Street Church in Boston, Mass. Celebrating with them were (front row) Tom Stafford '03, Matt Dickerson (prof., computer science), Laura Barrett '06, April Peet '06, Devon Parish '05, Tim Bahls '06, (standing) Hitoshi Yamaguchi '02, Renee Balog '05, John Lee '06, Tom Langsdorf '00, David Kaufmann '03, Megan Mihm Langsdorf '03, Rich Novak '05, the newlyweds, Eric Vos '05, Ed Francis '05, Mike Lin '05, Jon Mosser '06, Magdalena Widjaja '08, Elizabeth Zane '06, and Laura Seidel '06.



The September 17, 2005, marriage of Christine Branson '01 and Scott Faucett '01 took place in Washington, D.C., where they celebrated with (all '01 unless noted) Courtney Quish, Jessica Fields, Katrin Warren, Elizabeth Black, (third row) Lydie Hudson, Suszannah Beams, Matthew Waxman, Eli Mello, (fourth row) Anthony Bowes '00, Joseph Lugosch, Alyson McNichol, Casey McCann, Erik Carleton, (fifth row) Ryan Brooks '97, Carey Field '96, Rebecca Swenson '02, Bryn Kenny, Theodore Noon, Benjamin Faucett '92, Serena Peck, (sixth row) Patrick Day, Nathaniel Kellogg, Ellen Rodman, Daniel Meyer '99, Rachel Arnot, Andrew Klein, (seventh row) Jacob Mnookin, William Bender, Stephen O'Neil, Amy Shanks, (eighth row) David Mills, Andrew Giordano '03, and Emily Stonehouse.

D.C. She's now working for USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development) and received a two-year fellowship through the Congressional Hunger Center, a nonprofit anti-hunger training organization. She'll be based in D.C., but will travel to Africa to evaluate assessments. ✳ **Alissa White** is working for Cushman & Wakefield in their capital markets group in Stockholm, Sweden. She's still competing at the elite level in pole-vault. ✳ **Stew Williamson** taught chemistry and coached soccer, hockey, and lacrosse at Masconomet Regional High School (Topfield, Mass.) for the last five years. During the summer, Stew and wife **Christina Morss Williamson** moved to a log home they designed in Morrisville, Vt. ✳ The marriage of **Ethan Sluter** and Tabitha Rogers took place on December 11, 2004, in Providence, R.I. Middlebury friends in attendance included groomsmen **Owen Randall**, **Matt Rudnick**, and Ian Doherty '00. Also present were **Austin Ramzy**, **Dan Vernazza**, **Warren Fish**, **Jon** and **Sara Vintiadis McCall**, **Hamilton Hadden**, Deke George '94, J.P. Gowdy '99, Will Peters '99, Mike Larsen '99, and former Midd head swim coach Mary-Ellen McLaughlin and husband Hugh. Ethan is a development manager for an East Providence real estate development firm. Tabitha is a social worker in an elementary school in Pawtucket, R.I. They recently purchased a home in Providence. ✳ Word has been received of the marriage of **Libby Zug** and Jeffrey Moore on June 25. They live in Needham and are both teachers in the Boston area. ✳ **Megan Moynihan** and David Foley were married on July 23 in Chatham, Mass. Megan is a managing partner and a founder of Moynihan Partners, a corporate law firm in Cambridge. David is an investment analyst and portfolio manager at Constitution Research and Management in Boston. ✳ **Christopher Tsai** is president and chief investment officer of Tsai Capital Corp., a company that was rated as the No. 1 performing large cap growth investment manager for the past five years (through June 30, 2005) by *Nelson's* and *Money Manager Review*. On a personal note, Christopher reports: "My partner André Stockamp and I married in July in Berlin, Germany. Attending the wedding were **Jane Shih**, Janet Lee '98, and Peter Wilson '98." ✳ **Jen Gelb** writes: "I married Scott Carbee on August 28, 2004, at the Three Stallion Inn in Randolph, Vt. Shortly afterward, we moved back to Vermont from western Massachusetts, and bought a house in Jericho. I'm an attorney with the law firm of Unsworth, Barra & Jarrett in Essex Junction." ✳ **Joseph Pearson** spent part of last year working in Kyrgyzstan for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. He now lives in NYC, where he's a lecturer at Columbia Univ. Joseph was recently married to James Helgeson in Vancouver, Canada. Friends attending included **Emily Mitchell**, **Stacie Cassarino**, and Josh Tyree '95. ✳ Elizabeth Boule and **Jonathan Tunney** were married on September 4 in Chicago. Elizabeth is a distributor in Charlotte, N.C., for Juice Plus, a nutrition supplement. With an MBA from Northwestern, Jonathan is a bond trader at Wachovia Securities in Charlotte. ✳ **Matt** and **Amy Berezin Ford** had a big year! "Matt graduated in May from the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine and joined a mixed small- and large-animal veterinary practice in Wells, Maine. Then in June we welcomed a new addition, Ava Eowyn, and in September we packed up our mountain of baby gear and moved to a new house in Kennebunk, Maine. Moving with a new baby is not for the faint of heart, but we managed to muddle through it!" ✳ Julie and **Matt Ralston** became proud parents of Katie Olivia on July 5. Matt tells us that daughter Katie "now shares a birthday with Mr. T, and her birth coincides with the 59th anniversary of the invention of the bikini bathing suit. Such an auspicious beginning surely means great things." Katie often plays with her Denver neighbor, Madeline Elizabeth Smith, born July 20 to Jenn and **Dave Smith**. ✳ On June 16 in Chicago, Lena and **Andy Jessen** welcomed Olivia Marie into the world. Later in the summer, the Jessens traveled to Denver to visit other founding members of the Class of '97 "Midd Kid Brat Pack." The Ralstons hosted a fishing get-together in Breckenridge for the Smiths and the Jessens, as well as Anne and **Rob Birdsong** and son Wyatt. ✳ **Jeff** and **Elizabeth Beatty Wichmann** welcomed first child Genevieve Wichmann on July 17. They live in Mount Kisco, N.Y. ✳ Benjamin Carter Jacobs was born to Dave and **Karen Lewis Jacobs** on August 14. They live in Bel Air, Md. ✳ Lenox Kim Dailey was welcomed home to Dedham, Mass., by proud parents Tim and **Kathy Kulis Dailey** on July 21, 2005. Lenox was born on February 12, 2005, in Seoul, Korea.

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After finishing her pediatric residency at Brown in June 2006, **Jess Perkins** will move to Seattle to do a neonatology fellowship. ✳ **Nate Johnson** started business school at the Univ. of Mich. this fall. ✳ **Chris Farrell** was headed to China for three months with his MBA program. ✳ In California, **Molly Campbell Voorhees** is finishing her second year at Stanford Business School. ✳ After spending a year in an art program in Boston, **Katie Padden** moved back to NYC to pursue a career as an artist; she's living in Brooklyn. ✳ In Chicago, **Kristin Arends** is a brand manager for Events 360, producing events for nonprofit organizations. ✳ **Erin Mara** is working for Staples in Waltham, Mass. ✳ **Emily Olson** is teaching high school art in New Hampshire, where she lives with husband Dan McLean and dog Marley. ✳ **Sophie Hardy** moved back to D.C. for her second year of graduate school at Johns Hopkins SAIS: "I had a great first year studying in Italy in the land of tortellini (Bologna) and then did a summer internship in Buenos Aires. It's nice to be home after all that traveling and to catch up with **Brett Alessi** and **Eric Hoffman**, who are also living in D.C." ✳ In NYC, **Sacha Janke** is working for nonprofit Transatlantic Partners Against AIDS (TPAA) that does HIV/AIDS advocacy work in Russia and Ukraine. "The job is extremely gratifying. I recently had dinner with **P.J. Smith**, **Ryan Goldman**, **Hayden Baker**, **Tyler Lifton**, **Erika Crane-Stern**, Jamie Houghtlin '96, and **Sarah Kincaid** (visiting from Madrid)." ✳ Matt '96 and **Martha Shay Trail** are doing great at Tuck with Will (2.5) and Shay Gwendolyn (1). Martha's hanging with the kiddies during the day and trying to make the most of social opportunities at night. ✳ **Paul** and **Catherine Trechak Rosenthal** became the parents of twins Gabriel Jacob and Natalie Faith this past April. ✳ Out in Vail, Colo., **Randi Borgen** and her fiancé, Patrik, welcomed son Erik Johan on September 12. ✳ An anonymous source reports that San Francisco residents **Myles Felsing** and **Andy Gross** ran the S.F. marathon in July, along with **Than'l Badder**, who is living in NYC. ✳ **Matt Holt** reports that he's living the good life, working for a charter sailing company in the British Virgin Islands. ✳ On July 9, **Jennifer Andrews** and Adam Burke got married on Idlewild Island, one of New York's Thousand Islands on the St. Lawrence River. Jennifer received her MBA from MIT in May. Adam is an environmental engineer and an associate in environmental public policy research at Abt Associates, a consulting firm in Cambridge, Mass. ✳ Eric Nadzo '97 and **Liz Dubin** were married on August 27 in Newport, R.I., and ran into Jess and **Bob Rice** on their honeymoon in Tahiti. Living in NYC, Eric is in his second year at Columbia Business School and Liz is an attorney practicing criminal and civil litigation. ✳ **Jennifer Beaumont** and **Davin Wilfrid** celebrated their September 10 wedding at Harvard's Memorial Church. At an outrageously fun reception at the Harvard Faculty Club, over 30 Midd alums were rockin' on the dance floor. Joining the crowd in Cambridge were Heather and **Kirby Salerno** with son Liam Kirby Salerno, born July 1. ✳ In September, **Brandon Doyle** played the French horn during the wedding ceremony of Cori Messinger '99 and **Ben Kahn** at Point Lookout, Maine, where he enjoyed catching up with a great group of 1998 and 1999 Midd grads. He has also been seen playing his horn on stage in a NYC rock band called Red Rooster (www.redroos.com) which boasts a loyal Middlebury following. ✳ Now for a shout out to the women of 44 College Street: **Marion Bright** has been fending off invitations to Homecoming Dances and the sort while teaching at the Univ. of Iowa. In L.A., **Elizabeth Gerber** continues pulling small children out of the tar pits on the grounds of the LACMA, and spends her free time rock climbing wherever, whenever with a gaggle of young, single men. **Diana Wiss**, on the other hand, has broken the "not getting married until we're 30" pact made at 44 College Street—but if you're going to break a pact, might as well be for a tall, strapping law professor. **Amy Coseo** has had a run in with the law as well, but it's pretty well understood that everyone living in Montana has a run-in with the law. **Kelly Johnson** is actually avoiding the law, taking her business down to Brazil, where it is cheaper and the people actually know how to dance. Her job in Miami has given her loads of advertising experience and a boyfriend. **Camila Sosman** is currently making law in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she's preparing the island for the onslaught of raucous spring-breakers.

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Peter Steinberg did his alma mater proud in the first annual Boston Harbor Islands Race by guiding his Soling to a "Did Not Finish" placing. Otherwise he is doing well and readjusting to life in Hanover, N.H. ✳ Recently displaced by Hurricane Katrina, **Joe Kraft** temporarily left Tulane and settled at American University's law school for the fall semester. He's been keeping busy with a part-time job with the Department of Justice, as well as maintaining his biceps at "half the size of most people's waist." ✳ **Kristine Kraushaar** was planning a trip with **Anne Richter**, **Liz Cassidy**, **Ana Cardenas**, and **Lise Falaleev** to Las Vegas. We thought forewarning the Strip of their arrival was

the best policy. ✳ **Greg Parent** and **Sara Doniger** joined **Lindsay Huenink** for Belgian waffles at the Fireside Inn in Lebanon, N.H., last summer. ✳ Enjoying the White Sox success, **Robby Levy** is in his final year at Kellogg School of Business in Chicago. He's looking to return to Denver when he finishes. ✳ **Charles Macintosh**, a bond trader for Merrill Lynch in NYC, recently ran into **Liz Cassidy** at the Xerox machine, as she has taken a position with the financial giant as well. ✳ **Adam Burns** continues to keep NYC safe in his work with juvenile offenders in the city's DA office. ✳ **Laurie Manus** is enjoying her work for the City of Brotherly Love. ✳ Having returned stateside from London, **Mimi Doggett** is a fixture in the Hanover, N.H., nightlife. She's a student at the Tuck School of Business, along with **Daniel D. Meyer** and **John Maletis**. ✳ **Matthew Holmes** has recently taken up residence in NYC, after travels to all corners of the globe these past few years. He sends his best to all. ✳ **Ben Newman** was spotted racing in the New England Etchells sailboat regatta in Portland, Maine. He was regularly seen racing off Marblehead this summer. When he's off the water, he continues to work for his family's restaurant business. ✳ **Chris Lindstrom** is back in Boston. He has seen **Brad Maxwell**, when Brad is free of diaper duty. ✳ **John Felton** continues to get miles out of his raincoat, living in Seattle and working for Amazon.com. ✳ **Paul Woodworth** has been conducting water quality surveys and stream monitoring activities for a Connecticut environmental nonprofit. ✳ **Erin Brooks** has joined Intercontinental Real Estate Corp. as a marketing associate. She had been teaching math at Newton Country Day School. ✳ **Sam Webb Kading** is still hanging around Madison after graduating from the Univ. of Wis. Law School. She received a Skadden Fellowship to provide estate planning and land consolidation services to the American Indian tribes of Wisconsin. When not putting bread on the table for Matt Kading '98 and dog Oscar, she keeps busy with Masters swimming and plenty of time on the bike, touring Italy's Dolomites and the great state of Iowa this year. ✳ Composer, pianist, singer, and choir director **Chris Molina** has been busy completing his master's in music composition. This year he's in residence with the chamber choir Mikrokosmos in Tours, France. ✳ **Megan Reilly** is teaching a class of 20 Native American students at St. Paul Mission School in Hays, Mont. Spending this year as a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, she's committed to simple living, spiritual growth, and working to promote social justice among urban and rural populations. ✳ **Emily Reinertsen** recently took up the job of floor assistant for Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.). She had been an assistant manager of the Republican Cloakroom. ✳ Donovan Pavilion in Vail, Colo., was the scene of the wedding of Amanda Greene and **Ben Webster** on June 24. Amanda teaches English in Battle Mountain High School, while Ben is director of Alpine ability ski racing for Ski and Snowboard Club Vail. ✳ Lindley Tilghman and **John Pless** were married at Hildene, a historic house in Manchester, Vt., on July 2. They live in NYC, where John is a VP of SPG Partners and Lindley is a real estate agent for Colfax Realty. ✳ The July 9 marriage of **Elizabeth Herman** (M.A. Spanish '01) and Luis Rodrigalvarez Gomez took place at the Wyndham Hotel at Canal Place in New Orleans. Elizabeth is studying for a doctorate in Spanish literature at the Univ. of Va. and they will live in Charlottesville.
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Sylvia Johnson is in Salvador, Brazil, working on her Fulbright project, called Media Arts and Education for Social Change. She's teaching photography to girls in an impoverished community and making her graduate thesis film about gender equality and art education. ✳ **Emily Hillenbrand** started her degree in international development this fall at American Univ., where she plans to focus on women's human rights and health issues. In fall 2006 she will spend a year abroad, funded by an Ambassadorial Scholarship from the Rotary Foundation. ✳ Utilizing her four years of experience at Middlebury, **Jennifer Crystal** has authored *The Easy Part Was Getting In: A College Handbook.* Published by iUniverse, the book provides more than 300 helpful hints for students just beginning college. Now she's at work on a book on an entirely different subject: her eight-year battle with undiagnosed Lyme disease and the regimen she's practicing on her road to wellness. ✳ **Irakly Areshidze** began work at the Boston Consulting Group D.C. office, after spending the bulk of his summer in Georgia (the country, not the state) working on an upcoming book. ✳ **Alessandro Sacerdoti** has been running into old classmates left and right in Boston. ✳ **Colleen Bramhall** has been working in Sri Lanka as part of Accenture Development Partnerships, a group within the Accenture consulting firm that provides low-cost services to NGOs in developing nations. She reports: "I am here for eight months working with the government on modernizing their civil registration systems that have proved insufficient after the tsunami. I've met three other Midd grads on the ground here. It constantly amazes me how our small school gets around!" ✳ **Adam Popkin** graduated from UVM in May with an M.A.T. in history. With three years of teaching experience in Takoma, Wash., under his belt, he began working this fall at a Burlington, Vt., public school. ✳ **Jessica Christian** is beginning her second year as associate director of admissions at the Spence School in NYC. ✳ **Jme McLean** started her master's in public health at the Univ. of Calif., Berkeley. After living in the Presidio area of San Francisco for five years, she and **Tim Dewey-Mattia** moved out to Berkeley in July. ✳ **Michelle Holt** and husband Dan McGarigle own and operate a specialty outdoor retail store in Bend, Oregon. They were married on October 16, 2004, at Lake George in the Adirondacks. ✳ **Robert Gillespie** married Beth Hengst in May, graduated from Jefferson Medical College in June, and began his orthopedic surgery residency at University Hospitals of Case Western Reserve Univ. in Cleveland, Ohio, in July. ✳ Kate Mendillo and **Peter Walsworth** were married on September 17 in Narragansett, R.I. ✳ Also married on September 17 were **Whitney Tremaine** and William O'Brien in Essex, Conn. Whitney, who got her MBA from Babson College in May, is president of her own boutique retail company, Two Bees, specializing in cashmere fashions. Her husband is a VP in equity sales and trading for Sandler O'Neill & Partners. They're living in Atlanta. ✳ Good news from **Tom Diemar** and wife Lauren: their daughter, Charlotte Bliss, arrived happy and healthy on September 11, 2005.
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Celeste Gauthier reports that "August marked the third year that my restaurant, Strawn's Too, has been open and busy!" Strawn's Too is located in Shreveport, La. ✳ With the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy, in the offing, **Andrew Johnson** was training with the U.S. men's cross-country ski team in New Zealand for the month of August. ✳ In 2003, **Lorinc Redei** completed his master's in European studies at Georgetown Univ., focusing on transatlantic relations. He then returned to his hometown of Budapest, Hungary, to pursue a Ph.D. in international relations at Central European Univ. Now finished with all his coursework and exams, he awaits inspiration to strike him for his dissertation. In the meantime, he has moved to Brussels, Belgium, taking a job as a press officer at the European Parliament. ✳ After finishing the first year of his master's in public policy program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, **Adeeb Mahmud** worked at the World Bank in D.C. over the summer. At the end of summer, he visited Minnesota, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. ✳ **Carmen Tedesco** got her master's in geography from the Univ. of Ill. in December 2004. She's working in D.C., doing international development for the nonprofit Academy for Educational Development. ✳ **Elsa Palanza** has moved to Istanbul, Turkey, where she's doing the government relations, marketing, and general business side of an English language pilot program at Bahcesehir Univ. ✳ **Chris** and **Greta Simmons Herbert** are living in Lebanon, N.H., while Chris attends the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and Greta works in the admissions office at Tuck. Chris reports that there are eight Midd alums in his class of 240 students. ✳ In Kennebunkport, Maine, **John Santerre** has been busy as the executive director and founder of Free Focus, a nonprofit photography organization, while also working with a Pulitzer Prize nominated photojournalist. He had plans to move to Boston to teach at Boston University (CDIA) starting January 1. ✳ **Scott Goldman** has embarked on an amateur boxing career. This past summer, **Jeff Vollmer** attended Scott's first bout in the New York amateur league. Jeff writes, "Scott dismantled his opponent with a series of combinations, relying primarily on a stiff left jab and a devastating right uppercut. Although he failed to notch a KO, he won convincingly by unanimous decision, and currently stands undefeated at 1–0." Jeff and wife Shannon Egan '02 recently moved to D.C., where Jeff has started work at a law firm. ✳ **Zori Batchvarova** and Stefan Miltchev '99 were married on June 16, 2005, in Philadelphia. Zori is attending Harvard Business School and Stefan is wrapping up his Ph.D. in computer science at the Univ. of Pa. The wedding was attended by a merry Middkid crowd, including **Bori Karastoyanova**, Rudi Dubois Karastoyanova '97, **Jana Olivova**, and Ivan Beraha '98. ✳ **Jess Widay** and **Brent Boscarino** were married on July 23 at Wagner Vineyards in Lodi, N.Y. Classmates in attendance included best man **Tim O'Keefe**, groomsman **Jason Lemire**, and bridesmaids **Hallie Trattner** and **Laura Ford**. Jess is working on her Ph.D. in political science at Syracuse Univ., while Brent is studying for his Ph.D. at Cornell Univ. ✳ **Andrea Kaufman** and Matt Wool '00 were married on August 20 at Stratton Mountain in Vermont. Celebrating with them were **Corey**

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

English

"As an ex-Vermonter born and bred—fourth generation," writes **Bob Mellow** (M.A. '59), "your calendar reminds me not only of Middlebury, but of Vermont." Bob's daughter, Ann Mellow, graduated from Middlebury in 1977. ✷ **Monica Weis** S.S.J. (M.A. '73)—in conjunction with fine art photographer Harry L. Hinkle—has published *Thomas Merton's Gethsemani: Landscapes of Paradise* (Univ. Press of Kentucky, 2005), a study of the influence of nature on Merton's thought and spirituality. ✷ **Katherine Towler** (M.A. '84) has come out with a new novel, *Evening Ferry.* Katherine was recently in Vermont to read, discuss, and sign her work. ✷ **Dale Lumbly** (M.A. '85) is now assistant superintendent of secondary education in the Gateway School District, Monroeville, Pa. He was an English teacher in the Butler School District for 12 years until becoming an assistant principal in 1996 and principal of Butler High School in 2000. ✷ The new principal of St. Catherine's High School in Racine, Wis., is **Jeffrey Johnson** (M.A. '92). Jeffrey has 25 years of experience as a teacher and administrator. ✷ **Charles E. Baraw Jr.** (M.A. '93), who is a visiting assistant prof. at Wesleyan Univ., recently received his doctorate from Yale. His dissertation was entitled "Hawthorne and the Travelling Eye: Nineteenth Century Tourism and American Literary Culture." ✷ **Ben Klemer** (M.A. '05) is a seventh-grade writing teacher at the Bruce School in Lawrence, Mass. He lives in Wenham with wife Sue and son Donald. ✷ **Noah Sabich** (M.A. '05) has been awarded a teaching assistantship in the Modern and Classical Languages Department at the Univ. of Conn.

French

Lee Daniels (M.A. '88), of Pleasantville, N.Y., recently joined ING as editor of European research. He writes: "Over the past year, I helped frame a house in upstate New York, volunteered at a local park for trail and tree maintenance (I found cutting down trees several feet in diameter with a chainsaw, particularly during storms, is a bit scary), journeyed across Mexico to write a travel article, and took a two-week bicycle trip in France on my beloved Bianchi. My daughter, Marguerite, graduated in the spring from the Academy for the Intellectually Gifted at P.S. 122, and now attends the Academy of American Studies in Long Island City, where she is a member of the student government, the newspaper club, and the European division of the Culture Club." ✷ **Charles "Chip" Haskell Jr.** (M.A. '90) recently moved with his family from Amsterdam to Atlanta, Ga. His book *Advanced Project Finance* has been published by Euromoney Books of London. ✷ Greg and **Meredith Conroy Eater** (M.A. '93), of Scarborough, Maine, announce the arrival of daughter Regan, who joined sister Morgan on June 22. ✷ Jean-Francois Huppe and **Lisa Gunderman** (M.A. '99) were married in a beautiful 200-year-old Anglican cathedral in Old Quebec City on September 17, 2005.

German

C. Richard Beam (M.A. '57) reports that the fourth volume of his *Comprehensive Pennsylvania German Dictionary* has gone to the publisher. Prof. of German Emeritus Beam (Millersville Univ.) has hosted a weekly Pennsylvania German dialect broadcast for 35 years over WLBR in Lebanon, Pa. Since 1975 he has written a weekly dialect column in the Sugarcreek (Ohio) *Budget.* ✷ Dr. **M. Paula Holdman** S.C. (M.A. '67), professor emeritus of College of Mt. St. Vincent, Riverdale, N.Y., has received a research grant from De Paul Univ. for her book on the history of the college.

Italian

Anthony Cunicelli ('96) is teaching Italian and Spanish at Haverford (Pa.) High School. He previously taught for 11 years at Bishop McDevitt High School, where he also chaired the world language department. ✷ **Amy Larsen** (M.A. '98) and Kevin West were married in Winchester, Va., on July 16. While Amy teaches at a French immersion school, Kent Gardens Elementary, in McLean, Kevin is employed by the Federal Aviation Administration. ✷ In Pennsylvania, **Charlene Roth** (M.A. '05) is teaching Spanish at Mount St. Joseph Academy, where she is also an assistant volleyball coach.

Spanish

Edward G. Gingold (M.A. '67) is managing the combined federal campaign for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. ✷ **Gerald Lunderville** (M.A. '69) retired after 41 years of teaching in June 2004. "Since then, I've traveled to Cambodia and enjoy taking art and horticulture classes at Long Beach City College. I'm also helping my two nieces from Cambodia to learn English." ✷ **John C. Miller** (D.M.L. '70) has retired from the Univ. of Colo., Colorado Springs, after a 40-year college/university teaching career. He was recently awarded the Univ. of Colo. Thomas Jefferson Award for outstanding teaching, research, and service. ✷ **Robert Britto** (M.A. '77) is the new superintendent of schools for Baldwin, N.Y., school district. He was previously a teacher and administrator in Providence, R.I., and Bridgeport, Conn. ✷ **Colleen Driscoll** (M.A. '91), of Braintree, Mass., is a retirement plan specialist with Pioneer Investment. ✷ **Patricia Magistro** (M.A. '05) is a foreign language curriculum writer for the Montgomery County Public Schools in Rockville, Md. She also coordinates the annual Spanish exchange with the Escuela Internacional in Salamanca, Spain. ✷ **Brooke Mead** (M.A. '05) is an outreach worker at the Berkshire Immigrant Center in Pittsfield, Mass. She helps new immigrants, many of whom speak little or no English, cope with life in the U.S. She would also like to travel the world using her Spanish-language skills. She is inspired by the example of her mother, Sue Mead, a writer and photographer who turned a love of auto racing into a reporting career, test- driving cars all over the world for automotive magazines.

Wilk, **Kate Griffiths**, **Pete** and Jeanne Restivo '99 **Jacoby**, **Jameson Tweedie**, **Laura Yee**, **Matt Markowski**, **Melanie Raush**, **Josh Gutierrez**, Ryan Conviser '00, Justin Martin '00, Orin Moore '00, Jeff Kendig '00, Brian Cagle '99, Jamie '00 and Kate Ramsey May '00, Jaime McGlothlin '00, Amy Porter '00, and Kate Condliffe '00. A honeymoon to the Amazonia of Ecuador was planned for November. Living in Los Angeles, Matt is a creative executive at Disney Animation and Andrea is a research analyst at SmithGeiger, a television and media consulting firm.

Ed Note: In the last issue, we noted that Joshua Broder was "living in Bagram, Afghanistan, and is looking forward to going back to Germany in the spring." Joshua is an officer in the United States Army and is deployed to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan's Parvan Province.

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Dana Gordon has moved to Newbury Street in Boston, where she's enjoying her new roommates and the company of many Midd alums, including neighbors **Chris Fanning**, **Derek Chicarilli**, and **Ted Noon**. Dana's entering a master's program in Spanish. Chicarilli has entered a master's program at Boston Univ., studying sports and sometimes medicine, but never both at the same time. ✷ **Anne Alfano** recently moved to D.C., where she's working for Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP. ✷ Friends recently threw a going-away bash in Manhattan for **Brian Ferry**, who moved from NYC to Ann Arbor, Mich., in August to begin law school at the Univ. of Mich. ✷ After receiving a master's in teaching from Johns Hopkins Univ. in 2004, **Juliana Barbalunga** went on to get a Harvard master's in language and literacy. She plans to be a reading specialist in Baltimore. ✷ While living in Bristol, Vt., **Brianne Jenkins** is teaching second grade at Lincoln Community School. She loves being near Middlebury! ✷ **Ashley Elpern** is teaching social studies at Wayland (Mass.) High School. She got her master's in teaching from Simmons College. ✷ **Virginia Snodgrass** is in her second year of the government Ph.D. program at the Univ. of Texas: "I bought a new house here in Austin in September. We are trying to start an alumni chapter here in central Texas." ✷ **Andrea Hersh** is attending Northwestern Chiropractic College in Bloomington, Minn. ✷ While working on research towards a Ph.D. in political science at the Univ. of Minnesota, **Kartik Raj** is working for Amnesty International in London. ✷ **Graham Furlong** reports that he is sailing through the Panama Canal this winter. ✷ Moving to Stamford, Conn., **Melissa de Oliviera** started a job with McKinsey and Company Consultants as a planner with their learning group in early September. She was traveling to Europe and Asia this fall through work. She had a late August reunion with **Patty Biggins** and **Steph Stolorow**. They met up with **J Cambria** and enjoyed margaritas. ✷ Long anticipated news of **Stephen Messinger** includes a new apartment, a new job, and a new school year. The adventurous class secretary has moved north across the Charles River from Jamaica Plain to Porter Square in Cambridge with his brother and two Macalester alums. He has officially left Legal Seafoods (for now) and begun a new career at Arrowstreet Inc., an architecture firm in Somerville. He has begun his second year at the Boston Architectural Center, where he's on the fast track for a master's in architecture.

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Matt Dougherty '02 is on his second tour of duty in Iraq with the Marine Corps, while fiancée **Carrie MacDonald** is in her second year of medical school at Indiana Univ. ✳ **Kate Pentkowski** is now working for a new gallery space in Chelsea (NYC), the Danese Gallery. ✳ **Katharine Decker** is a reporter/anchor for KIMO-TV, the ABC affiliate in Anchorage, Alaska. ✳ **Kathryn MacDonald** and Eric Spencer were married on June 4 in a Central Park ceremony. In NYC, Katie is a real estate broker, while Eric is an architect with the SBG group. ✳ The marriage of Brittany Atkins and **Michael Csaszar** took place on June 11 in Ridgefield, Conn. After doing science and technology consulting for C-STPS, LLC, Mike began med school at UConn in August. Brittany is a Lotus marketing program manager with IBM. ✳ This summer **Iuliana Marinov** married Mihai Aldea, her high school sweetheart, presently an ecology Ph.D. student at Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Their wedding was in two parts: a civil ceremony in Redmond, Wash., followed by a religious ceremony and a memorable party in Bucharest, Romania. Iuliana still enjoys her time at Microsoft as a software engineer. Present at the wedding was also Iuliana's freshman year roommate **Sally Olson**, who started a dental hygiene program at the Vermont Technical College this fall.

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04

Laurel Houghton has moved from Seattle to Boston, "keeping the same job (business consulting for Deloitte), but paying a 40 percent rent increase for a smaller apartment (which I share with **Courtney Taylor**). I'm excited to be in the land of Dunkin' Donuts, the Patriots, and 80,000 other Midd kids." ✳ **Kim Kelly** has been busy at Mass General Hospital in Boston as a research coordinator for a postpartum depression study at the Center for Women's Mental Health, while going to graduate school part time at Wheelock College for infant and toddler development and intervention. ✳ **Yugiu Jiang** has bought a house in Boston and invites visitors. ✳ Apparently **Trevor Chisholm** is also in Boston, where he's employed at Boston Univ. ✳ After interning at a weekly out in Montana, **Greg Duggan** has joined the *Melrose (Mass.) Free Press* as a staff reporter. ✳ **Ashley McBride** has bought a house out in Louisville, Ky., where she's teaching chemistry and physical science at Central High School. ✳ **Jen Nightingale** is completing prerequisites for vet school in upstate New York. Nice work for someone who graduated as an art history/Italian major! ✳ **Christina Freyer** has reportedly moved to Australia, where she'll be taking art classes. ✳ **Tim Brousseau** claims to have been snowed in for several months in a remote mountain town in Colorado. ✳ **Cyndi Scott** has been employed as a gardener on the island of Nantucket. This winter she's planning a month of travel in the Philippines, while exploring graduate school options. ✳ **Katy Hall** is still working for Sidley Austin in NYC, while preparing for the LSATs and law school next fall. ✳ **Cragin Brown** recently returned from a year teaching at the Munich International School in Germany. In NYC, she's a publicist for *H&M* and *Elle* magazine at LaForce and Stevens Public Relations in Chelsea. ✳ **Sarah Bunnell** is working on her Ph.D. in developmental cognitive psychology at the Univ. of Kansas and coaching crew for the Kansas City Rowing Club. "Things are great here in Lawrence. Let me know if you're passing through this part of the world!" ✳ **Halli Miller** is working on her Ph.D. in the biomedical sciences graduate program at the Univ. of N.M. ✳ **David Galeski** is working very hard in law school at the Univ. of Richmond. ✳ **Nina Popel** is pursuing a joint JD/MA (in international relations) from Syracuse University's Maxwell School and the College of Law: "I just started my first year this fall and will finish in three years. If anyone's in the Syracuse area, they should definitely get in touch." ✳ In Philadelphia, **Alexis Batten** is in her second year at Villanova School of Law, where Michael Salek '05 is in his first year. Alexis spent the summer in Florence, studying comparative international law. ✳ In Tokyo, Japan, **Cameron Penwell** is working as a translator and editor at *Japan Echo*. He's hoping to get over to China soon to see **Morgan Jones** and **Fred Brubaker**. ✳ At the London School of Economics, **Hunter Smith** is studying for a master's in political theory, while **Joe Palombo** is studying the theory and history of international relations. Joe reports seeing Laurel Houghton in Boston's Logan Airport and then ran into Hunter on the Tube in London. He hopes to see many more familiar Middlebury faces there during the next year. ✳ After traveling together in September and October, **Robin Dean** is back home in Philadelphia and **Hillary McDonald** in New Zealand. They traveled through Ecuador and Peru and visited **Lauren Miller**, who's living in Ibarra, Ecuador. They had lots of fun chasing alpaca for photos and eating the local delicacy—guinea pig.

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Jen Nightingale '04 is getting ready to attend vet school. Not bad for an art history/Italian major!

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Johanna Rosenfield spent the summer teaching English in Spain. Now working as a research technician, she's doing botulinum research at Tufts Veterinarian School, department of biomedical science. She hopes to matriculate to vet school in 2006. ✳ **Carmen Granda** is in Spain, studying at the Universidad Complutense. ✳ **André Estanisloa** is enjoying his teaching position in Japan. Although a city boy, he's still managing to look fabulous on his rural adventures with his students. ✳ **Dominique Ahkong** is in Singapore, where she's doing freelance Web site work. ✳ **Elizabeth Monk** and **Zach Center** have started their Peace Corps service in Africa. Elizabeth is in the village of Kikombo in Tanzania. She is still working on Kiswahili, but everyone has been really friendly to her nonetheless. She recently got an adorable puppy named Toby. Zach made his journey to Chad in September. He reports that he's overwhelmed, happy, and excited about his mission. He's also keeping a blog: http://lifeinchad .blogspot .com/. ✳ **Joanna Riesel** is working hard at the Harvard Initiative for Global Health in Cambridge. Her research fellowship focuses on analyzing and quantifying the challenges of global health. ✳ **Katrina Uhl** is teaching eighth grade English at the Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in Malden, Mass. ✳ **Cicely Ott**, **Denise Leung**, and **Evan Holden** are all students at Boston Univ. Law School. ✳ **Patricia Kim** is studying at podiatry school in Chicago, working hard to attain a lifetime of dealing with smelly feet. ✳ **Rob Oller** was married over the summer and promises to share details about his wedding soon. ✳ **Ned Courtemanche**, **Katy Hicks**, and **Cortney Fritz** are living together in San Francisco, where they try not to get into too much trouble. ✳ Living in Austin, Texas, **Megan Hutchin** and **Charlie Goulding** recently got a puppy. Megan is a therapist for children who have autism, while Charlie is working for a local magazine company called The Good Life. ✳ **Tina Velez** is teaching third grade in the Bronx through the Teach For America (TFA) program. **Alexis Zain**, **Kristina Rodriguez**, and **Lindsay Whitton** are also teaching in NYC as TFA corps members. ✳ **Yvonne Chen** is working for an AmeriCorps program called Generations Incorporated, a literacy project that unites older adults with children from Boston public schools. ✳ **Alicia Hernandez** is a program manager with Joint Action in Community Service (JACS). She's working at the South Bronx Job Corps for the Promoting English Proficiency Program. ✳ While interning at a Chicago publishing company, **Erin Amico** has hopes of moving either to Boston with **Christina Tolbert** or to NYC with Alicia Hernandez. ✳ Back at Middlebury, **Colin Ashby-Kuhlman**, **Colin Meltzer**, and **Andrew Lindblad** are student teaching. **Kira Ventura** is living with them, while substitute teaching at Ripton Elementary School. ✳ **Martha Dutton** works for a small consulting firm in Concord, Mass., where she specializes in the maritime trade, helping companies find good worldwide transportation solutions. ✳ **Dena Simmons** is working with the Department of Adolescent Mothers at a public hospital in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where she's pursuing her Fulbright research on teenage pregnancy. She is also taking a class called "*Ser Mujer Hoy*" (Being a Woman Today) at the Escuela de Formación Socioeconómica y Cultural (Socio-economic and Cultural Development School) and is also interviewing sexual workers at a private organization. She's keeping a blog at http://dean-bean13.blogspot.com/.

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25 **Marjorie Winter Jewell**, 102, of Naples, Fla., on November 2, 2005. With a master's from NYU, she was a biology teacher at the high school in Port Chester, N.Y., for 16 years. Following her 1940 marriage to John V. Jewell, she lived in Garden City, Huntington, Oyster Bay, and New York, N.Y. Retiring to Florida in 1954, she and her husband were longtime active members of the Trinity-by-the-Cove Church, the Port Royal Club, and the Naples Yacht Club. She was a member of the Naples Community Hospital Auxiliary and performed many hours of volunteer service. Her husband preceded her in death in 1981.

29 **Ruth Rogers Lambert**, 97, of Melrose, Fla., on April 18, 2005. She taught French, earned a B.S. in secretarial studies (Simmons College), and was employed by the Univ. of Ill., Champaign–Urbana. During World War II, she joined the foreign service of the State Department and was assigned to the American Consulates in Valencia (Spain) and Paris. She had to resign from the State Department in 1950, when she married Englishman James Lambert, an ex-diplomat then with UNESCO. Her husband served as a member of the UN Secretariat until his death in 1966. She was involved in the Riverdale Presbyterian Church choir, the Japanese-American Friendship Society, and activities of the United Nations Association. She leaves a sister, Frances Kearley.

30 **Sanford S. Witherell**, 96, of Shoreham, Vt., on October 22, 2005. He attended a one-room grammar school and was valedictorian of his class at Middlebury High School. Upon graduating Phi Beta Kappa with an English major from Middlebury College, he had hoped to continue his education in landscape architecture, but the Depression dictated his return to apple farming in Shoreham. In 1937, he and his bride, Helen Kent, became the sixth generation of his family to live at the Witherell homestead. The farm had been in family ownership since the first division of lands in 1783. He ran the farm until retiring in 1975, but his life encompassed many other accomplishments. While successfully growing apples and selling fruit to Champlain Valley stores, he was a founding member and director of the Shoreham Cooperative Apple Producers Association. In addition, he was an active historian and local genealogist. His lifelong research eventually led to the publishing of a two-volume work, *A Genealogical Register of the Early Families of Shoreham, Vermont*. He was a vice president of the Genealogical Society of Vermont, a founding member of the Shoreham Historical Society, and an authority on architectural history in Addison County. His "love for anything old" frequently focused on early American furnishings. An active member of numerous historical and genealogical organizations throughout New England, he was a longtime supporter and trustee of the Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History. He attended the 70th reunion of his Middlebury College class on June 3, 2000. His dream of becoming a landscape designer was realized in the gardens surrounding the Witherell homestead, where he died. Predeceased by his wife in 1998, he is survived by daughter Virginia K. Carpenter, son Sanford Jr. '61, a granddaughter, and several nieces and nephews. His late uncle, Albert E. Witherell, graduated from Middlebury in 1903.

34 **William G. Matteson**, 92, of Naples, Fla., on October 26, 2005. He received his D.M.D. from Harvard Dental School (1938) and set up a practice in Cohasset, Mass. During World War II he served as a dental surgeon in the South Pacific with the Air Force, attaining the rank of captain. Continuing his practice in Cohasset, he served as school dentist and was very active in community affairs. He and wife Jeanette Stone Matteson '34 retired to Florida in 1975. Predeceased by his wife in 2001, he leaves daughter Deborah Lambert, son Richard S. Matteson '69, three grandchildren, and a great-grandson. Middlebury survivors include nieces Nancy Warner Benz '56 and Margery Warner Christie '61, great-nieces Jayne Benz Chipman '83 and Martha Benz Daigle '90, and great-nephews Matthew W. Benz '86 and Eric B. Benz '88.

36 **M. Eileen LaPan**, 91, of Burlington, Vt., on October 2, 2005. She completed a master's in education at St. Lawrence Univ. in 1948. For 29 years, she taught Latin and French in several New York state public schools, including Bombay, Brushton, Franklinville, Massena, Malone, and Buffalo. She retired to Burlington in 1969. Survivors include several cousins.

38 **Cecil B. Holstrom**, 89, of Rehoboth Beach, Del., on October 18, 2005. He earned an M.S. in physics from Haverford College (1940), served in the Navy (1941–1946), and remained in the Naval Reserves for 35 years, retiring as a commander. For 31 years, he worked as a civilian for the Department of the Navy in the Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C., where he was involved in the development of missile and antisubmarine warfare aviation electronics. He was active in the Lutheran Church and had volunteered at the Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis from its inception. His first wife, Grace Holstrom, died in 1985. Survivors include wife Kathy Shinn Holstrom, daughter Lynn Dolinger, son Kenneth Holstrom, four grandchildren, one great-grandson, and two stepdaughters and their families.

39 **Irma Fitzgerald Risty**, 87, of San Diego, Calif., on October 19, 2005. After teaching in New England for four years, she moved to San Diego to become an engineer at Consolidated Aircraft. Earning a master's in mathematics from San Diego State College, she taught high school math and coached champion math teams. Retiring in 1983, she continued for some time to teach one math class at the Univ. of Calif. at San Diego. Predeceased by husband Donald in 1998, she leaves son Donald and three grandchildren.

40 **Priscilla Belcher**, 87, of Melrose, Mass., on October 13, 2005. A Red Cross worker in Army hospitals from 1945–1947, she served in England, Paris, and Nuremburg. She was the personnel director of Beth Israel Hospital (1950–1959), earned a master's in counseling from Northeastern Univ. (1962), and was an assistant prof. and assistant director of the Counseling Center at Northeastern Univ., retiring in 1982. Her board memberships included the Melrose Council on Aging and the Community Associates. She leaves a sister and many nieces and nephews. Her late cousin, Caroline Belcher Bulfinch, graduated from Middlebury in 1929.

Clifford H. Philo, 87, of Chappaqua, N.Y., on August 20, 2005. He retired as VP of the Continental Insurance Company (now CNA). Predeceased by wife Dorothy (DeGrush) in 1994, he leaves daughter Virginia, son John, and two grandchildren.

42 **Charles D. Morse**, 86, of Avon, Conn., on October 22, 2005. A Navy aviator during World War II, he received his B.S. in architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design (1950). He worked as an architect in private practice and at the Connecticut Department of Public Works. Predeceased by daughter Amy in 1986, he leaves wife Carolyn (Smith), daughter Carolyn Morse, and two grandchildren.

44 **M. Ruth Green**, 82, of White Plains, N.Y., on September 22, 2005. She taught high school English on Long Island and in California before getting graduate degrees at Columbia University's School of Library Services. She retired in 1989 from a 31-year career as a reference librarian at White Plains Public Library. She leaves two nephews and a niece.

Barbara Slade Wyman, 82, of Arcadia, Calif., on October 19, 2005. She joined the WAVES after early graduation and served as a communications officer in the Navy Department code room in Washington, D.C., during World War II. After earning a master's in education from Case Western Reserve Univ. (1950), she taught first and second grades in Ohio. She married Robert A. Wyman, regimental commander of the V-12 unit at Middlebury. Following his death in 1971, she became a career and financial aid counselor at Pasadena City College. Survivors include daughter Beth Wyman Fernandez '74, son Bob Wyman, six grandchildren, and brother William Slade III '50. Her late father, William Slade Jr., graduated from Middlebury in 1917. She was a descendant of William Slade (Class of 1807), who served as governor of Vermont, 1844–1846.

45 **Arnold J. Kivelson**, 82, of New York, N.Y., on July 28, 2005, after a long illness. An Army veteran, he was the former president of Dynamic Plastics Corp. of East Elmhurst, N.Y., and the retired CEO of Friemanit Corp., a NYC children's clothing manufacturer. Preceded in death by wife Clare (Frieman) in 1989, he leaves daughters Karen, Nancy, and Kathy Kivelson Hecht '76; companion Elaine Tolchin; and six grandchildren.

Helena Cioffi Stoffel, 80, of Washington, D.C., on December 9, 2004. She was one of the first stewardesses for Pan Am Airlines in 1946, flying on Clipper Ships, large boat-bottomed propeller planes designed to land on water where there were no runways. Married to diplomat Albert W. Stoffel, she lived in Saigon, Berlin, Paris, and Bonn before settling in Washington, D.C. After working for the Department of State on international conferences in the 1960s, she was a ticket agent for Eastern Airlines and a licensed Washington tour guide. Besides her husband, she leaves daughter Elizabeth, sons William and Robert, and six grandchildren.

47 **Marilyn R. Bruhn**, 80, of Arlington, Vt., on November 25, 2005. After attending Katherine Gibbs, she served as executive assistant to the president of Associated Universities (a consortium of nine universities, the Brookhaven National Laboratory, and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in West Virginia) and the president of New York University. She held a similar position at the J.M. Foundation until her 1993 retirement. She was a member of the Seraphic Society and served

as chair of the board at the Park Avenue Methodist Church. In 1974, she was awarded an Alumni Plaque from Middlebury College for her outstanding work on the board of trustees, as a class agent and a class secretary, as chair of the 50th reunion, as president of the Manhattan Alumnae Club, and as president of the National Alumni Club. In 1989 she purchased a 100-year-old house in Arlington, Vt., where she subsequently retired. Survivors include Harold Wesler, her companion of 50 years, and three cousins.

Nancy Fitz Smith, 79, of Rochester, N.Y., on June 5, 2005. A lifelong learner and artist, she earned a B.S. in studio arts from SUNY (1981). She was an art instructor and was employed by the Gannett School of Science & Man and the Rochester Museum & Science Center. She was a dedicated volunteer, particularly in Rochester City Schools Headstart program. She also chaired the committee for Rochester's sesquicentennial. Camping vacations often took the family to Little Sebago Lake in Maine. She is survived by husband Albert C. Smith Jr. '45, sons Stephen and Mark H. Smith '75, daughter Deborah Ameele, five grandchildren. Middlebury survivors include brother-in-law Walter Arlen Smith '53, nephew Brian S. Smith '83, neice Gretchen Smith Dewan '83, and great-niece Devin J. Murphy '05.

48 **E. Donald Gustafson**, 81, of New Milford, Conn., on October 16, 2005. A Navy veteran of World War II, his business career was in college textbook publishing, primarily in New York City. His marriage to Jean Huey Smolens '48 ended in divorce. Predeceased by son Ralph, he is survived by wife Jill (Linstrum); children Carla Reardon, Rebecca Gustafson Brown '75, Todd, Kirsten, and Anders; stepdaughter Erin Linstrom; and three grandchildren. Middlebury survivors include sister-in-lawa Beth Huey Newman '51 and brothers-in-law James F. Newman '50 and William R. Huey Jr. '52.

49 **Richard J. Price**, 78, of Neptune, N.J., on November 14, 2005. He was retired from 3M in Freehold, where he was the production control manager. His memberships included the Senior Club in Neptune and the 3M Retiree Club. He coached softball and baseball teams and was involved in the Boy Scouts of America for many years with his son. Survivors include wife Marie (Mann); daughters Wendy Price-Grob, Kimberly O'Donnell, and Elizabeth Gross; son Richard J. Price Jr.; and seven grandchildren.

50 **Richard Metcalf**, 80, of Camillus, N.Y., on September 22, 2005. A World War II Army veteran, he received his master's in organic chemistry from Middlebury in 1951. He was a pharmaceutical research chemist in Binghamton, N.Y.; a field chemist for the New York State Department of Health; and training officer for Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection. In 1987, he received the Environmental Education Award from the National Environmental Training Association. Predeceased by wife Rosemarie Hermann Metcalf '49 in 1999 and by son Bruce in 1961, he leaves daughters Emily and Janet and three grandchildren.

51 **Carlyle B. Alexander**, 76, of Bradenton, Fla., on September 16, 2005. After receiving his degree from Tufts Dental School (1955), he served in the Army Dental Corps for two years. He practiced dentistry in Massachusetts until his retirement in 1978. Survivors include wife Marjorie; daughter Jeanne; sons Stephen, Peter, and David; two stepdaughters; and nine grandchildren.

John R. Cran, 77, of Littleton, Colo., on July 28, 2005. He worked for the Johns-Manville Corp. as a merchandising manager in the Transite Pipe Division, retiring in 1990. After living in Martinsville, N.J., he was transferred to Colorado in 1972. He and wife Ruth Parry Cran '52 enjoyed skiing, hiking, and many outdoor activities. Besides his wife, he leaves daughter Penny Murphy, son Bob Cran, and five grandchildren.

Mary Huntley Davis, 76, of Groton, Conn., on October 21, 2005. She served as a teacher's aide in the Ledyard school system. Her first husband, F.W. Hewes, died in 1964. She married Everett Davis in 1980. Besides her husband, she is survived by sons F.W. Hewes IV, John, and Matt; daughter Mary Smyth; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brother E. Shepard Huntley '54. She was predeceased by son Tom and one grandson. Her late father, Edward S. Huntley, graduated from Middlebury in 1917.

52 **Lorna Bowlby West**, 74, of Falmouth, Cornwall, U.K., on October 18, 2005, of pancreatic cancer. She earned an M.S. from the Univ. of Ill. (1959), an Ed.M. from Northeastern Univ. (1970), and did graduate work at Cambridge Univ. in England. An accomplished composer and photographer, as well as a trained psychotherapist, she continued all three activities until recently. She won the Cornish competition for original songs several times and had many of her works performed. Her photographs were exhibited in her native Boston and in Cornwall. She counseled patients at a clinic in Truro and at her home, which she called A Centre for Inner Peace, near Falmouth. She and former husband George C. West had two sons, Mark and George, and two grandsons.

53 **Constance Sherman Patrick**, 75, of Bethlehem, Pa., on November 5, 2005. For five years she was employed by the Worcester Telegram and Gazette and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. She was an avid volunteer docent for the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., for 20 years. Her volunteer work for the College included service as president of the Middlebury College Alumni Association. She spent time in the field meeting alumni and increased the number of alumni chapters to 19 in cities across the country. For meritorious service to the College, she received the Alumni Plaque in 1965. Survivors include husband George H. Patrick III, son Charles S. Patrick, daughter Katherine Patrick Eighmy '87, and four grandchildren.

54 **Eleanor Chapin Cousins**, 72, of Canton, Maine, on September 26, 2005. She taught elementary school in Massachusetts and later studied early childhood education at Bridgewater State College and taught first grade in Carver, Mass., for 10 years. She retired in 1990 and moved to Maine, where she and husband Alden E. Cousins built a log home. Besides her husband, she leaves son Richard C. Cousins, daughter Elizabeth Sylvia, and two grandsons. Other Middlebury relatives include cousin Donald W. Walters '55, niece Julie Chapin Bassi '88, and late father Merrick W. Chapin Jr. '25.

Peter A. Ehler, 72, of Weston, Conn., and Center Barnstead, N.H., died October 23, 2005. He served in the Navy and was an executive at Sikorsky Aircraft for 44 years, in international marketing, retiring in 1998. He traveled to over 70 countries marketing helicopters. In retirement he pursued his hobby of duck carving. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Margaret (McCarthy); son Curt G. Ehler '82; daughters Barbara Andrukonis, Susan Piccotti, and Karen Ehler; and five grandchildren.

Mikko Eklin, 72, of Helsinki, Finland, on July 27, 2005. After one year at Middlebury, he returned to Finland, where he completed his studies with a Ph.D. in political science (Univ. of Helsinki), and had a long career in the Finnish Ministry of Finance. He retired in 1996 as head of the public finance unit. During the 1980s and 1990s, he also worked for the United Nations. He lived in NYC for three years and spent several years on development projects in Africa. He is survived by wife Marja-Leena, sons Jukka and Lauri, daughter Tuija, and five grandchildren.

55 **Frederic J. Norton Jr.**, 72, of North Kingstown, R.I., on November 1, 2005. An actuarial specialist for 36 years for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island, he retired in 1994. His marriage to Sylvia Metcalf Norton '55 ended in divorce in 1970. Survivors include wife Joyce (Tibbetts); daughter Lee Kegel; sons Roger, Douglas, and Timothy Norton; three stepdaughters; two grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

57 **Van B. Kruchten**, 69, of Okatie, S.C., on January 21, 2005. A graduate of the New York Law School, he practiced law in Long Island, N.Y., for 35 years. Survivors include wife Cindy.

58 **M. Scott Peck**, 69, of Warren, Conn., on September 25, 2005. Among the founding fathers of the self-help genre of books, his inspirational prescription of self-discipline *The Road Less Traveled* (1978) and its later companion volumes have sold more than five million copies in North America and have been translated into 20 languages. By the mid-1980s, the first book had spent 694 weeks on the *New York Times* best-seller list. After attending Middlebury, he graduated from Harvard (1958), received a medical degree from Case Western Reserve Univ. School of Medicine (1963), and served in the Army (1963–1972). He is survived by second wife Kathleen Kline Yates Peck and three children.

60 **Peter B. Cooper**, 67, of West Palm Beach, Fla., on October 15, 2005. One of the first employees of W.L. Gore & Associates, he moved to Flagstaff, Ariz., in 1967 to serve as plant manager of the first Gore facility. He was instrumental in the worldwide success of the company and held several Gore patents. He enjoyed sailing and spent his retirement years in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, and in West Palm Beach. He leaves a brother, two sons, and two grandchildren.

62 **Howard J. VanDeusen**, 65, of Windsor, Conn., on October 28, 2005. He was a linguist and was employed as a mechanical engineer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft until retiring due to disability. Beside wife Savitri (Singh), he is survived by daughters Katrina Goldschmidt and Bernadina VanDeusen.

66 **Peter J. Ruschp**, 61, of Stowe, Vt., on August 30, 2005, of lung cancer. A 1967 graduate of the Univ. of Colo., Boulder, he was a member of the U.S. Ski Team (1966–1967), taught at Perisher Valley Ski School in Australia (1968–1972), was head coach at the Mount Mansfield Ski Club (1971–1974), was director of the Stowe Ski School (1975–1995), and director of skiing at Stowe Mountain Resort (1995–2005). Survivors include wife Carolyn (Kelly), son Andrew, daughter Allison, and sister Christie Ruschp Dickinson '70.

71 **Sally B. Andrews**, 56, of Orlando, Fla., on October 6, 2005. In the 1980s, she worked on production units for several successful features filmed in NYC, through the Directors Guild of America. These included *Moonstruck* (1986), *Heartburn* (1986), and *Hannah and Her Sisters* (1986). Relocating to Orlando, Fla., in 1991, she worked on television and commercial productions at Universal and Disney studios. Predeceased by parents William '42 and Jean Bell Andrews '44, she leaves stepmother Margaret Buscher Andrews '42, aunt Elizabeth Schimmat Andrews '52, brother Craig, and sisters Mary, Nancy, Margaret, and Janet.

78 **Jennifer A. Cook**, 49, of Coronado, Calif., on September 18, 2005. She attended Middlebury German Language School in 1975 and received her B.A. in German literature from the Univ. of Calif., San Diego, in La Jolla. She leaves daughter Mary Cook, mother Elizabeth Egan Batten, a brother, and a sister.

82 **Stephen M. Riley**, 45, of Litchfield, Conn., on October 29, 2005. With an MBA from Northeastern Univ. (1983), he was a CPA, assistant secretary of First Litchfield Financial Corp, and auditor and compliance officer of the First National Bank of Litchfield. Besides his mother, Irene Tierney Riley, he leaves two aunts and many cousins.

84 **David B. Jamieson**, 43, of Blairstown, N.J., died October 22, 2005. He held a Middlebury M.A. in Spanish (1985) and was teaching at Blair Academy while training to become head of the school's foreign language department. He formerly taught at Hyde Park Academy, a public school near Chicago. Prior to that, he was employed by Mexicana Airlines for 14 years. Survivors include wife Engracia (Gallego), daughters Marina and Adriana, sister Sharon Grumbeck, brother Robert Jamieson, and mother Joan C. Jamieson.

91 **Joelle M. Pauporte**, 36, of West Hartford, Conn., on August 5, 2005, from breast cancer. After finishing premedical studies at Harvard (1992) and earning a master's in psychology from Boston College (1996), she counseled HIV-positive prostitutes, emotionally disturbed adolescents, and patients with spinal cord injuries. She received her medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine (2000), completed three years of psychiatry residency at Cornell University Weill Medical College, and one year at the Institute of Living in Hartford (2004). She was planning a career focusing on eating disorders. While fighting breast cancer, she created Light One Little Candle, a national foundation that donates children's books to young parents with cancer. Survivors include husband Joseph Wagner, daughter Halle Wagner, and parents Joyce and Jacques Pauporte.

96 **Kimberly A. Krans**, 31, of Bridport, Vt., on September 28, 2005, from injuries resulting from a bicycling accident. She helped create the Women's and Gender Studies Resource Center at Middlebury, served on the board of WomenSafe of Middlebury, was an active member of the Vermont Midwives Alliance, and was on the North American Registry of Midwives. As a Certified Professional Midwife and a Vermont Licensed Midwife, she had a private homebirth midwifery practice, Bella Vista Midwifery. She co-founded Northern Lights Midwifery Cooperative and was a partner in Sweetgrass Midwifery prior to that. After receiving her midwifery training at Casa de Nacimiento in El Paso, Texas, she was an apprentice and assistant at Birthrites Midwifery Care in Bristol, Vt. She worked with area midwives and the Vermont Office of Professional Regulation to formalize licensure of homebirth midwives in Vermont. A member of the Thich Nhat Hanh Community, she traveled extensively in search of peace. Survivors include parents Diane and Jeff, brother Jacob, partner Julian Campbell '02, several aunts, and a niece.

Staff

Roger H. Rheaume, 93, of Salisbury, Vt., on September 29, 2005. He worked on his brother's farm and became a master mechanic at Foster Motors before building, owning, and operating Rheaume's Flying A gas station on Route 7 South in Middlebury. He was also employed by the College from 1961 until his retirement in 1976.

Lorraine Zak, 51, of Middlebury, Vt., on November 6, 2005. An inductee in the 25-Year Club in May 2004, she began her work at the College in the music department in 1979, went on to serve as concert series coordinator, and then became events manager at the Center for the Arts. She served as coordinator for Wonnacott Commons from 1999 until November 2004. Survivors include husband Allen Turner, two children, and two stepchildren.

Language Schools

31 **Leonie M. Chandonnet**, M.A. French, 100, of Concord, N.H., on October 9, 2005. She taught French in Groton, Swampscott, and Newton, Mass., retiring in 1965.

Malcolm Sleeper Parker, M.A. French, 101, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 25, 2005. He met and married Language Schools classmate Sara Mazza in 1931. In New York state, he was a teacher, coach, school principal, and guidance counselor.

50 **Alice Corrie Santamarina**, 84, M.A. French, of Greenfield, Mass., on August 7, 2005. She was a French and social studies teacher for 36 years in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, retiring in 1980.

54 **Frieda Derdeyn Bambas**, 100, M.A. French, of Norman, Okla., on September 9, 2005. A longtime professor at Oklahoma Univ. and Central State Univ., she retired in 1974. A firm believer in higher education, she established the Frieda Derdeyn Bambas Scholarship Fund at Middlebury in 1982, supporting an exceptional student of the French School. She also established the Frieda Derdeyn Bambas Prize in French Literary Studies, awarded annually to a summer student in the French School with a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale who has demonstrated excellence in French literary studies, preferably of the medieval, renaissance, or neo-classical period.

59 **Jane McFarland Bourque**, 73, M.A. French, of Stamford, Conn., on October 10, 2005. She was a retired teacher and administrator for the Stratford Public Schools.

64 **Andrew J. Yurkovsky**, M.A. Russian, 90, of Milford, Conn., on October 20, 2005. A typesetter for the only Russian-language daily newspaper in New York, he retired in 1980 as an English teacher in the Jersey City, N.J., schools.

65 **Peteris M. Silins**, 75, German, of Crawfordsville, Ind., on November 5, 2005. He was a prof. of German and Russian for 37 years at Wabash College.

71 **William L. Markey**, D.M.L. French, 80, of North Andover, Mass., on October 23, 2005. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and taught at Phillips Academy in Andover.

Christine Ploeser Reese, M.A. French, 57, of Kenney, Texas, on October 17, 2005, of brain cancer.

73 **Hanna Moss Amgott**, 55, M.A. German, of Havertown, Pa., on September 8, 2005. A career counselor at Widener Univ., she was the author of *The Year of the Ox* (2004) and had begun work on a memoir, *Nice Jewish Girls in Pale Pink Genes*, about the women in her family who have died of breast and ovarian cancer. She was diagnosed with breast cancer 19 years ago.

79 **Joanne C. de Ritis**, M.A. Italian, 56, of Wallingford, Pa., on October 31, 2005, after a long battle with breast cancer. She had recently served as executive secretary for the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia.

88 **Andrea Hohlwein Trautman**, M.A. English, 44, of New York, N.Y., on September 6, 2005.

90 **Charles L. Zimmerman**, 58, M.A. Spanish, of Webster, N.Y., on September 2, 2005, of cancer. He was a foreign language teacher at Penfield High School for almost 20 years.

92 **Tammy E. Schaeffer**, 37, Spanish '92, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., on August 31, 2005. A supervisory Customs and Border Protection officer, she was most recently posted at the Customs and Border Protection Academy in Brunswick, Ga., where she was a course developer and instructor of an accelerated Spanish language course for U.S. Customs Border Protection and Immigration and Naturalization Services personnel.

03 **Timothy J. Miller**, 37, M.A. English, of Flatwoods, Ky., on September 13, 2005. He was a teacher in the Raceland-Worthington school system in Kentucky.

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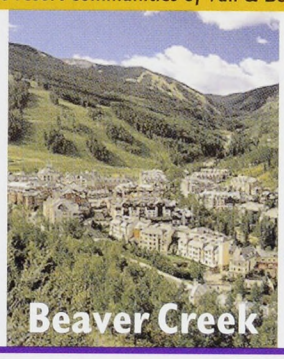

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Heart of Darkness

The day after delivering one of the most memorable reports in the wake of hurricane Katrina, CNN correspondent Jeanne Meserve '74 ventured into the heart of New Orleans.

By Jeanne Meserve '74

THE SEWERS WERE NO LONGER FUNCTIONING.

This much was obvious as we crept along the vast wasteland that New Orleans had become, gingerly making our way through knee-deep water. Every step we took was a step of faith. We could not see curbs or downed signs or any of the jumbled debris that could trip us and send us tumbling into the murky, noxious water. Carcasses of cars seeped gasoline. We shuffled along, feeling our way with our feet; we cringed as the water crept up our thighs . . . and eventually above our hips.

We joined a caravan of lost souls slogging towards the Louisiana Superdome in a search for shelter and help. Children were slung on hips and shoulders; other precious possessions were pushed or pulled in floating plastic bins or carried in trash bags balanced on heads. The young tried to keep the old upright and heading onward.

As we neared the Superdome, I noticed for the first time the constant clatter of helicopters overhead. Outside the arena, the National Guard—with rifles at the ready—kept evacuees penned on the dome's exterior decks, though the people seemed worried and restless, not angry or dangerous. Inside, 15- to 20,000 people were encamped in semidarkness, sprawled on seats and hallway floors. The authorities had not prepared for the failure of the city's sewage and water systems, and the stench made you gasp.

In that godforsaken place, an age-old symbol of God appeared: beams of light, shining through gaps in the damaged ceiling onto the field of the Saints, aptly enough. On the turf, young boys tossed around a football and hammed for cameras. They were living their dreams; everyone around them had lost theirs.

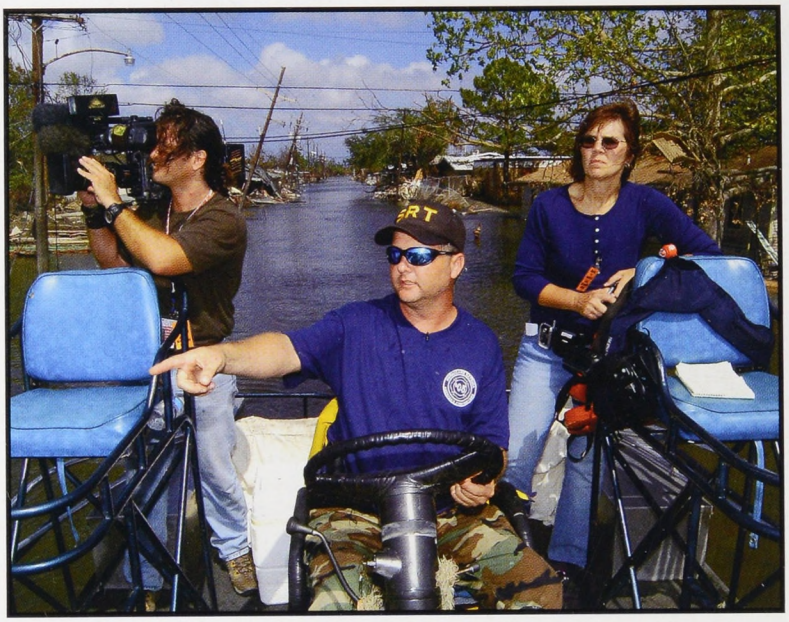
With reports that the floodwaters were still rising, we started to make our way back to our home base—and discovered that the city had taken another turn for the worse. The New Orleans police had no cars, no radios, no backup. But a few officers, heavily armed with automatic weapons, were patrolling parts of downtown in a backhoe. We videotaped them as they nabbed a man trying to loot a deli, literally scooping him off his feet and tossing him into the air. He landed in the water, struggled to his feet, and fled.

The police turned to us. When we wouldn't give up our tape, an officer told me the would-be looter had threatened to come back and find me, kill me, sexually abuse my corpse. "And you are NOT my responsibility," he shouted.

I knew the looter had made no such threat; he was too worried about his own life. But the police wanted us off the streets. And it worked. For a short time at least.

Now, safely removed from the horrors of Katrina, the gut-convulsing fear has relaxed. Some images have softened. Others, I am sure, have been forgotten. The incredulity has given way to acceptance.

And that is the most terrifying thing of all.



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE
CNN correspondent Jeanne Meserve '74 tours sunken New Orleans in a swamp buggy with photographer Dominic Swann and Edward Mendel, a volunteer from Palm Beach, Florida. A day earlier, Meserve had ventured into the center of New Orleans—on foot.

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